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# Shultz keeps hope alive on Geneva talks

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The United States has instructed its negotiators at the reconvened Geneva talks to pick up where President Reagan left off in Iceland.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said the negotiators will have instructions to take up the same positions on intermediate-range nuclear forces, strategic arms and in the space and anti-ballistic missile area that President Reagan took at the end of the meeting.

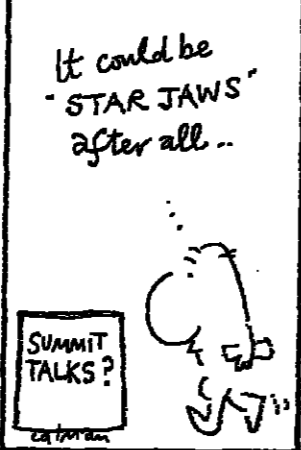
"Those positions are on the table and we'll continue to struggle to find answers," he said.

Mr Shultz, evidently in response to Soviet spokesmen in Europe, also said the Russians now appeared to have changed their minds, even since Reykjavik, and taken the medium-range missiles away from strategic and space weapons.

Giving an optimistic assessment of the outcome... based partly, he said, on having had some sleep since Sunday - he said the US wanted to make as much out of this "tremendous opportunity and achievement" as possible.

"Overall, you'd have to assess the Reykjavik meeting as one that produced tremendous advances, and that is the Soviet view as well," he said.

Commenting on a summary of Mr Gorbachov's television



national Security Agency and elsewhere.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said all comments by officials would be on the record. Anyone who spoke on a background basis did not represent Administration thinking.

Mr Shultz said the President wanted to make what happened in Iceland known so that people all over the world would have the information and could make up their minds.

The clear aim, however, is to counter the Soviet battle for US and European public opinion. This is especially important here as the midterm congressional elections approach, and the Republicans are anxious to put the best "spin" on the summit to prevent the Democrats taking advantage of the breakdown.

Mr Viktor Karpov's tour of European capitals has received extensive coverage here, though the US has refrained from comment on his remarks in London that there could still be a separate INF agreement.

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# US trip delay by Prime Minister

By Philip Webster and Sheila Gunn

The Prime Minister has called off plans for an early visit to Washington in the wake of the failure of the Reagan-Gorbachov summit in Iceland.

Although no date had been fixed she had been expected to go to the United States later this month or early next, as part of the preparations for a full-scale US-Soviet summit which would have followed successful talks in Reykjavik.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher now sees no point in making a hasty trip to Washington, which would inevitably be presented as an attempt to persuade Mr Reagan to compromise on his Strategic Defence Initiative stance, which proved to be the breaking-point in Iceland.

The most likely date for a US visit would be early next year, before Mrs Thatcher's planned trip to Moscow.

Although she is anxious to do all she can to help find a way forward after Reykjavik, Mrs Thatcher does not want to be seen as anything other than fully supporting President Reagan.

It was stressed by Downing Street sources yesterday that when she does go to Washington it will be as a member of the Nato alliance and not as an intermediary.

In her talks on Tuesday with Mr Viktor Karpov, the chief Soviet negotiator at Geneva, she warned him that any attempt by the Soviet Union to sow the seeds of dissent in the alliance camp would fail.

Her view is that the breakdown of Reykjavik was in many ways due to inadequate planning of the hastily arranged summit. It had not been expected to be a decision-making summit, but as events turned out it probably could have been.

She regards it as highly encouraging that it got so close to possibly momentous decisions.

Support by the British Government for the American position was underlined yesterday by Lady Young, deputy foreign secretary, in the House of Lords. She said that the Soviet move at Reykjavik, to make arms control agreements dependent on the limitation of research on the SDI, was a step backwards.

Referring to a statement on Tuesday by Mr Karpov about the possibility of a separate deal on European land-based weapons, she said she hoped the Russians would confirm it at the negotiating table in Geneva.

Lady Young said that some good news had come out of the summit. "We are encouraged by the apparent determination on both sides to build on the progress already made. To get together with the United States and our other allies we will seek to maintain the momentum that has been generated at Reykjavik."



Royal tea tasting: The Queen samples a local brew during her colourful and unrestrained welcome to Shanghai

# Red Army in token Kabul exit

By Nicholas Beeston

The Red Army began withdrawing the first of 8,000 soldiers from Afghanistan yesterday, but the Soviet Union warned that further reductions would depend on a political solution to the six-year war.

General Nikolai Chervov of the General Staff and Mr Vyacheslav Milushin, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Afghan department, said the first of six regiments had begun the first phase of withdrawal.

The pull-out, which is expected to be completed by the end of the month, involves one armoured division, two motorized regiments and three anti-aircraft units.

Western experts estimate that the Soviet Union will still have nearly 110,000 troops left in the country and are quick to point out that the rebel forces do not possess any aircraft so the withdrawal will not alter the strategic balance.

"If outside interference and intervention is discontinued, the armed forces of Afghanistan can tackle all the problems independently," said General Chervov. But he warned: "If intervention goes on, the Soviet Union will not let down its neighbour."

The announcement coincided with reports from neighbouring Pakistan that the US Agency for International Development is planning to launch a "humanitarian aid programme" for anti-communist resistance fighters operating in Afghanistan.

The scheme, to be started later this year, will consist of money and "non-lethal" supplies including US military surplus boots and sleeping bags.

In Kabul senior Afghan

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# A riot of colour for the Queen

From Alan Hamilton Shanghai

Shanghai has little good reason to remember the British with any fondness, even if Noel Coward did write *Private Lives* in the Cathay Mansions, now renamed the Peace Hotel.

But this wildly over-populated am hill lives its life on the streets, and also likes to regard itself as the most sophisticated, urbane and outward-looking city in China.

Not only do they recognise a good piece of street theatre when they see one, they form a potential audience of six million in the inner city alone.

Which is why the Queen experienced one of the most remarkable walkabouts of her life yesterday when she ventured on foot among the streets of the old Chinese city of Shanghai, and even her official press spokesman was prepared to admit that several millions had turned out to see her.

Late last night, there were still an estimated two million people packing the waterfront. They strained for a sight of the Royal Marines Band beating retreat on the quayside, or of the Queen herself flashing by on her way to bed from a State banquet on the Royal yacht, at which her presence lured the Chinese President away from his capital city to dine for the first time at a foreign table.

It was in startling contrast to the first two days of her State visit to the most populous nation on earth spent in Peking, where the general public was largely excluded from any sight of her.

She noticed the difference the moment she stepped from her British Airways Tristar at Shanghai airport. At Peking, there had been formal handshakes and ferocious smiles, admittedly of a high diplomatic order.

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# Tomorrow

## Back to Aberfan



The women were clawing at the filth; some had no skin left on their hands... Twenty years after the disaster, *The Times* talks to the people who can never forget

## Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £8,000, double the usual amount because there was no winner on Tuesday, was won yesterday by Mrs F. Brooks of Ealing, west London. Details, page 3.

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### Dublin draw

The Republic of Ireland and Scotland drew 0-0 in Dublin in the qualifying competition for the European football championship. Page 48

## TIMES FOCUS

British consultants working abroad earn millions in invisible earnings, but in the UK, some form of government help is being sought. Special Report, pages 31-33

## TIMES JOBS

More graduate high-flyers than ever are heading for City careers in the year of the Big Bang says an introduction to today's seven-page General Appointments section. Pages 34 to 40

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# Kremlin stresses arms offer link

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday stressed the usefulness of the Reykjavik summit which he said had shown that it was possible to approach agreements that would lay the beginning to the elimination of nuclear weapons.

President Alfonsin said that Mr Gorbachov had repeated the Kremlin's determination to stand by the offers it made to President Reagan in Iceland. "But everything is a package. It is impossible to single anything out," Senior Alfonsin said.

Mr Gorbachov's stand was seen by diplomats here as contradicting suggestions made in London by Mr Viktor Karpov, his senior arms negotiator, when he hinted earlier this week that a separate deal on cutting medium-range missiles in Europe was possible without direct links to the demand that Star Wars research be restricted to the laboratory.

# Three dead in attack on airliner

Iraqi military aircraft attacked an Iranian airliner on the ground yesterday as passengers were disembarking, killing three people, according to the Iranian news agency IRNA. The report, received in London, said 30 people were wounded.

It said the Iran Air Boeing 727 was discharging passengers at Shiraz, 440 miles south of Tehran, when it was attacked.

In Baghdad, a military communique issued earlier said Iraqi planes destroyed 23 US-made C-130 transport planes on the ground at Shiraz air base yesterday.

It was the second time in eight months that Iran had accused Iraq of attacking a civil airliner.

Assad support, page 13

# British vehicle makers in talks with Russia

By Craig Seton

Russian vehicle manufacturers are discussing possible joint ventures with British companies, it was revealed yesterday at the International Motor Show in Birmingham.

Mr Victor Ivanov, head of the Russian trade delegation, said: "We want to increase trade between the two countries by 40 to 50 per cent, which was in the agreement between Mr Gorbachov and Mrs Thatcher in 1984."

This year 20,000 Russian-made Lada cars will be registered. Mr Ivanov said it was hoped this figure could double over the next few years as new models are introduced.

He said: "We may also start selling trucks in Britain. General Motors might have seen the market too difficult, but we can think in terms of selling in smaller volumes."

# Bar calls for jail video links to save court time

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

Prisoners would be able to communicate direct with judges and magistrates from their cells via live video links, between prisons and courts under proposals which have been put forward by the Bar.

The novel idea, suggested as a way of cutting costs in the overburdened criminal justice system, is that judges and magistrates could interview and hear prisoners in their cells by means of an imaginative use of modern technology.

Prisoners and warders would be relieved of the arduous burden of weekly

trips to court for further remand hearings; they could simply agree to another week in the cells virtually at the switch of a button.

The idea has been put to the Lord Chancellor's officials who are looking at ways to make the legal aid scheme more cost-effective. One proposal under consideration is to replace weekly remand hearings by monthly ones; but the Bar's idea is rather more far-reaching.

At the same time it has mooted proposals for two-way electronic links between courts and court users - lawyers, prison and probation staff - to improve court listing.

# Back pay for miners

The National Coal Board yesterday agreed to give back pay to 60,000 miners who went on strike - just a month after saying they would only receive an increase from September 1.

The £20 million decision will be regarded as a major coup for Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

When Sir Robert Haslam, the chairman of British Coal imposed last month, without NUM agreement, immediate pay rises for the industry of £3 a week, it was understood that only miners who worked during the strike would receive the increase back-dated to November.

# Bar calls for jail video links to save court time

The Government at present seems favourably inclined towards an increasing use of video in the courts.

It has just announced it will legislate to allow the taking of evidence from abroad via live video links for serious fraud trials, as proposed by the Roskill committee, and the use of videos for hearing evidence in child abuse cases.

Mr Henry Brooke, QC, chairman of the senate computer committee, said the idea of video links with prisoners was being tested in California.

Instead of prisoners being booted out of their cells and spending hours hanging around court, the judge just chats with them in their cells," he said.

Electronic listing of cases is rather nearer a reality. Already there are pilot projects in four London crown courts where court lists are drawn up and "faxed" via Lawtel and then Prestel to court users.

Another project starting soon will involve three provincial court centres. Court lists will be carried direct via Telecom Gold to selected lawyers, police and probation staff using electronic mail boxes.

The results are being monitored by a new joint information technology committee between the profession and

# Asian visas are not racist, says Home Office

Mr David Waddington, the Home Office Minister, said yesterday that he was "absolutely sure" that the Government had taken the correct decision in imposing visa restrictions on Asians seeking to enter Britain.

The minister made his remarks at a press conference held after visiting Heathrow's crowded immigration halls where 600 Asians are waiting to see whether they will be allowed in.

Mr Waddington refuted an accusation by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, that the new visa requirements for immigrants from the Indian sub-continent were racist.

"It is nonsense to talk about racism when it has not been applied to the West Indies and many other third world countries," Mr Waddington said.

"The restriction applies to the Indian sub-continent because that is where most of the attempted illegal immigrants come from.

"I am absolutely sure we have taken the correct decision and everything that has happened in the past 48-hours proves how right we have been.

"We have seen masses of young men, mainly from Bangladesh, arrive at Heathrow whose claims to enter this country as visitors is, to put it mildly, tenuous and whose claims need most careful examination.

"It is better if their claims are examined and processed before they leave their own countries."

Immigration staff at Heathrow reported yesterday that more than 100 Bangladeshis had decided to return to their native country rather than spend another night either in the custody of

the airport authorities or at hotels at a cost of £50. The bills are paid by the Home Office.

The volunteers joined 20 forcibly repatriated passengers on a flight back to Dhaka.

Mr Geoff Hicks, a spokesman for the Immigration Services Union, which represents most of the immigration staff at Heathrow, said: "They probably realized they would not have been allowed, however long they waited."

About 400 short-term visitors have already absconded and there are now 1,500 people with temporary admission visas in the country, some of whom are expected by the more cynical immigration officers never to return to their native countries.

Since the announcement that the visas were being introduced on October 15, extra aircraft from Dhaka have been carrying in thousands of Bangladeshis to London, including many young men with no British sponsor.

The first Asian to fall foul of the visa requirements was a Pakistani army major who arrived on a flight from Canada at 7.30am yesterday.

He had apparently wanted to have a short stop-over before returning to Pakistan. He was judged by immigration officials to have known of the new visa requirement and was refused entry.

Meanwhile, passengers on the first two flights from the Indian sub-continent after the visa restrictions came into force passed through immigration almost without difficulty.

Of 43 passengers who arrived from Dhaka and Bombay, only a few did not have visas and of these only one is expected to be refused entry to Britain.

Gandhi attack, page 16

# Military spending hits British research plans

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

British academic research, including the search for a vaccine to combat Aids, is hampered because a large percentage of the money available is allocated to military objectives.

This is one of the conclusions to be drawn from two studies released yesterday by the main advisers to the Government on the allocation of money for basic research in universities and other academic centres.

One of them concludes that British scientists are already losing their international standing. The other shows that the United Kingdom is being outpaced by France, Germany, Japan and the United States in spending on research in general.

Total research spending in the U.K. is over £4087 million, but only £792 million of that goes towards advancement of science research which covers subjects ranging from engineering and astronomy to genetics and new vaccines.

Reporting on the emigration of senior British research workers, the Royal Society found that the number of fellows of the society living abroad had risen from 80 in 1960 to 215 this year.

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French get lamb spraying protest

The Government formally protested yesterday to France about the illegal seizure of 300 British lambs at Parnham, near Poitiers (John Young writes).

Irish fear N-plants

More than half the people in Northern Ireland consider nuclear power stations are dangerous, while just 5 per cent view them as safe, a survey published yesterday discloses.

Lost fees warning

Independent schools could lose pupils and revenue as a result of the Government's technology colleges scheme, an education expert predicted yesterday.

Sealink dispute over

The Sealink ferry dispute ended yesterday with the National Union of Seamen accepting a reduced number of jobs and redundancy of up to £30,000 for its members.

Currie on smoking

Mrs Edwina Currie, junior health minister, said yesterday that smokers "should give up and bite their nails instead".

Report on guns issue

Mr Peter Wright, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, is to report to his police committee after the shooting incident involving Mr Ian Wood, a Sheffield solicitor.

Stalker case man accuses police chief

Mr James, Chief Constable for Greater Manchester, is to face charges of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The charges are being made in a private prosecution by Mr Kevin Taylor, the businessman who was at the centre of the John Stalker affair.

It is nearly two months since Mr Stalker was reinstated as deputy chief constable after being cleared of discrediting the police. The charges against Mr Anderson were disclosed yesterday at the beginning of a High Court action by Mr Taylor to be allowed to see internal police documents used to obtain a search warrant against him.

Taylor's claim that Manchester police have behaved improperly towards him. In a sworn affidavit read to the High Court, Mr Taylor said he had been friends with Mr Stalker since they were neighbours in 1972.

Hurd wants EEC help in war on drug trafficking

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, determined to win EEC support for a new drive against drug trafficking and organized crime.



PC Andrew Tomlinson, who tackled man with knife.

Judge praises courage of police 'supermen'

Two London policemen were described as "supermen" by a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the way they tackled a "very dangerous" man wielding a carving knife.

Drive on safety in hospitals

By Sheila Gann and John Winder

The Government may be forced to tighten the health and safety standards in hospitals after a resounding defeat to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill in the House of Lords last night.

The Bill brings NHS kitchens under health and safety legislation, but the Lords approved an amendment, which was supported by opposition parties, to remove crown immunity from all hospitals, clinics and other NHS buildings.

The Government would usually attempt to reverse the decision when the Bill returns to the Commons, but unless the Bill is on the statute book by early November, the end of the parliamentary session, it will be lost.

If the amendment was defeated in the Commons, the Lords would be likely to defeat the Government again.

Government sources predicted last night that a concession would be offered to prevent another defeat in the Lords.

The amendment was approved by 110 votes to 86, the 100th defeat inflicted on the Government in the Lords since 1979.

Supporters of the move to widen the scope of the Bill said afterwards they were determined to win some tighter controls on standards throughout hospitals, not just in kitchens.

Lord Ennals, a former Labour Secretary of State for Social Services, argued that there was little logic in dealing only with kitchens.

The Bill was brought in after 19 people died in an outbreak of food poisoning at the Stanley Royd hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Officials at the Home Office have been meeting their counterparts from other EEC countries this week to draw up a range of measures which will be discussed by the European interior ministers in London next Monday.

A policy programme on drug traffickers for adoption by all EEC Governments will be at the top of the agenda.

The British proposals include tighter controls at external frontiers, severe punishment for traffickers who are caught and convicted and confiscation of their assets acquired through drug dealing.

Mr Hurd will also call on the other EEC interior ministers to encourage maximum co-operation between the different law-enforcement agencies.

It is hoped that everyone at the meeting next week will agree to increase the number of drugs liaison officers posted to Europe and to the producing areas such as South America and the Indian sub-continent, to improve the exchange of information and expertise.

Britain has so far sent one police officer on liaison duties to Amsterdam and three to the Caribbean and South America. There are also two customs men in Pakistan and two more bound for India; and two officers, either from the police or customs, are due to be posted to Western Europe.

All of them are on tours of duty lasting up to three years, similar to diplomats at the Foreign Office.

Mr Hurd, who will be chairman of the interior ministers' meeting because of Britain's current presidency of

the European Council of Ministers, will emphasize also the need for greater co-operation to combat organized crime.

He will remind the EEC ministers that in Britain next year there will be new legislation to ease present restrictions on the extradition of wanted criminals. There will also be new powers for the courts to make confiscation orders when the Criminal Justice Bill becomes law.

As part of the process of improving resources for combating organized crime, Scotland Yard has recently transferred responsibility for this area to the Specialist Operations Support Branch, headed by Deputy Assistant Commissioner Michael Hume.

The interior ministers' meeting will also review the steps taken at the so-called Trevi Group of ministers three weeks ago, which dealt exclusively with terrorism.

Wapping police 'preserve rights'. Mr Hurd told Metropolitan Police officers yesterday that their role during the Wapping dispute had been widely misrepresented (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

"The need for your presence arises because there are people bent on exploiting the dispute to stage a confrontation with the police. This is nothing to do with traditional trades unionism or peaceful picketing," he told the force's federated ranks.

He said: "You are not there to help one side in an industrial dispute. You are there simply to preserve public order and the rights of individual citizens."

Mr Hurd recalled the "horrific disorders" in Brixton and Tottenham just over a year ago.

"The Tottenham riot amply demonstrated your need for new protective equipment and I quickly authorized its purchase last July," he said.

The Labour Party faced new embarrassment over the Militant Tendency last night as one of its longest-serving MPs promised to fight off a resignation demand from his Militant-infiltrated local party.

Mr James Tinn, MP for Redcar for 22 years, declared that he would refuse to bow to a demand to stand down within nine days.

The resignation call has come from his constituency party's general management committee. Mr Tinn, aged 63, refuses to recognize the committee, claiming irregularities in the affiliation and election of delegates.

The committee agreed yesterday that if Mr Tinn did not resign by October 24, it would ask Labour's national executive committee to start a new selection procedure.

Mr Tinn has asked the national executive to conduct an inquiry into the Redcar party.

Mrs Kay O'Neill, secretary of the constituency party, yesterday denied that Mr Tinn was the victim of a left-wing plot. "There was an 81 per cent vote of no confidence from a wide cross-section," she said.

Militant has taken over the South Bank branch of the local party in Cleveland, and is increasing its control.

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Prisoner in labour 'locked-up in cell'

Miss Lynne Marsland, the mother of a baby who died while she was serving a prison sentence, told an inquest yesterday that she was locked in a cell while suffering severe labour pains.

Hours later she was told she was being taken to Whittington Hospital, but claims she had to wait another hour and 20 minutes at Holloway Prison for transport.

Miss Lynne Marsland, aged 30, of Clare Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, told the jury at St Pancras Coroner's Court that she believed the reason for the delay was lack of staff.

Her baby girl died 35 minutes after a caesarean operation on June 29, following 16 hours of labour.

Miss Marsland has a daughter, aged six, who was born by caesarean section and had suffered other troubled pregnancies. She claims she was told she would go into hospital as soon as she went into labour.

But she said that when the pains started she was simply transferred from a five-bed dormitory into a locked single cell.

Dr John Porter, a medical officer at the hospital, said she had been on drugs and should have gone into hospital as soon as labour started.

Miss Lucy Odubanju, a midwife, denied Miss Marsland was locked up all day and said there had been no cause for anxiety during the day.

Coroner Dr Douglas Chambers described care at the prison as "hardly maternalistic" but he added: "Miss Marsland had all the usual ante-natal care and was not neglected."

The jury returned a verdict of natural causes.

Ordnance sell-off criticized

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Royal Ordnance, the state-owned arms maker, should not be sold to the private sector, but should remain an essential manufacturing defence for Britain, according to a report published yesterday.

The report, prepared for the Ordnance Commission by Mr David Greenwood, director of the Centre for Defence Studies at Aberdeen University, says that the armaments and equipment factories would not be more efficient if privatized.

The report was released as 11 leading companies interested in the 15 remaining factories are studying confidential sales memoranda.

The Government wants to sell all the factories as a single package and would put constraints on the splitting up of the company at a later date.

Among interested buyers, who must be British to protect the strategic capacity of Ordnance, are British Aerospace, ICI, GKN, GEC and Plessey.

Mr Jack Dromey, secretary of the Ordnance unions, welcomed the report yesterday, saying that the Government had been showing a "cavalier disregard for our defence and strategic interests".

Falcon chicks smuggled in shirt pockets

Customs men heard birds tweeting when they searched smugglers bringing raw eggs into Britain, a court was told yesterday.

The sound came from 27 larder falcon eggs hidden in secret pockets stitched into T-shirts the suspects were wearing. It was alleged at Cardiff Crown Court.

The noisy falcon chicks were inside eggs which were nearly ready to hatch when they were brought through the "nothing to declare" section at Manchester international airport from Morocco, the court was told.

Ceri Griffiths, aged 43, owner of the Welsh Hawking Centre at Barry, South Wales, has admitted illegally importing the 27 eggs.

Mr David Martin, a Civil Servant, aged 41, of Langegodd, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, denies the offence. Mrs Norma Munro, aged 34, also of the centre, who was to have been tried, was not present for medical reasons.

The case continues today.

Correction

The photograph on page 24 in later editions yesterday showed a security officer, not a Customs official as stated, examining passports.

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# I still love girl who carried time bomb, Jordanian tells court

Nezar Hindawi, a Jordanian journalist, declared his love yesterday for the girl he is alleged to have used as a human time bomb in an attempt to blow up an El Al aircraft leaving Heathrow.

Mr Hindawi, aged 34, told the Central Criminal Court: "I still love her, and I will love her forever."

Mr Hindawi, who has denied using Ann Murphy, his pregnant girl friend, in an attempt to bomb the Israeli jet, was giving evidence in his defence.

Before going into the witness box he changed his plea to guilty on two charges — of possessing a Browning pistol and possessing ammunition without a firearms certificate

## He had discussed drug smuggling with a man he met while on a trip to Syria

In April. He still denies trying to blow up the aircraft. He told the court that he had never been allowed to talk to his girl friend or see her since his arrest. He was represented by his counsel, Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, of Miss Murphy's outburst in court last week, when she called him a bastard, and told him she could kill him.

Mr Hindawi said he had been a journalist all his life, and had written for a newspaper in Jordan, and was the British correspondent for *El-Arab*.

He told the court that after he came to England in 1979 he had met a Polish girl at a language school. He had married her in Britain in 1981 but she had returned to Poland during the period of martial law.

Asked by Mr Gray if he had any religious beliefs, Mr Hindawi replied: "Yes I do, I am a Muslim."

He said he met Miss Murphy in 1984 when she was working at the Hilton hotel in London. Miss Murphy became pregnant for the first time in 1985 but lost the baby. Speaking sometimes through an interpreter and at other times in broken English,

Mr Hindawi said that he went to Syria in January 1985 to report on the conference of the Afro-Arab Unity Association.

He had also gone on behalf of the Jordanian Revolutionary Movement for National Salvation, to look after the interests of Jordanian students studying abroad.

In Syria, while staying at an hotel in Damascus he met a man called Khalid Dandesh. They sampled the nightlife together and spent at least 13 days together.

Mr Hindawi said that Mr Dandesh asked him about his life and work in England and whether he had a British passport. He told him it had never occurred to him to change his Arab passport.

The man in Damascus started talking about drugs — hash and cocaine — and smuggling and selling it, Mr Hindawi said.

"He was talking about their lifestyle. He said if you got cocaine and sold it over there you will have a very good life and lots of money. He mentioned £250,000. I thought it was a fantastic idea."

Mr Hindawi told the jury the man asked him if he knew anyone with a European passport, explaining it would be better to have a European one for smuggling purposes. Mr Hindawi said he then returned to London.

Two weeks later he returned to Syria and saw Mr Dandesh again. He agreed to smuggle drugs: "I told him I could not use my name or my passport as I was a journalist. He gave me the Syrian one saying he was concerned about my security."

"He said he would get me a passport with a visa on it — a Syrian needs a visa to come to England."

Mr Hindawi told the jury Dandesh had also given him about \$15,000. When he returned to England, he said Miss Murphy saw the money while in her room in London.

Before he left Syria, Mr Hindawi said that Mr Dandesh told him to find someone to smuggle a bag with drugs in.

Mr Hindawi said that Mr Dandesh had shown him a bag

in Syria. "I also received the bag here in London. It had wheels with handles and zips and was reddish brown. Dandesh said the bag had a secret place where the drugs would be stored inside."

Mr Hindawi claimed that he had admitted possessing a gun and ammunition because he had been given them by a man named Keder.

"I was given the gun to keep for two weeks for Keder. I did not ask why he did not keep it himself. I took it from him and put it in my girl friend's drawer."

"It was there for about 10 days when I gave it to another man — Mohammed Fadda. I asked him to keep it for two weeks until I came back to take it."

Mr Dandesh had told him he would give him money later in Syria.

He said he had given Miss Murphy the name of a woman, Angela, which Mr Dandesh had given him, who would meet her in Tel Aviv.

Mr Hindawi told Miss Murphy he was going to Jordan

## He told her he would meet her and they would get married in Jordan

and would meet her on the East Bank. He showed her the border crossing point on a map.

Asked by Mr Gray what he hoped would happen after that, Mr Hindawi replied: "To get married in Jordan."

He said that he was planning to get a Syrian Airways flight six hours after Miss Murphy's flight.

Mr Dandesh had given him a calculator to put in the bag and showed him how it worked. "He said you put the battery inside the calculator and this calculator is just to protect from the X-ray machines."

When Mr Gray said that the prosecution had suggested he was sending the pregnant woman to her death, Mr Hindawi replied: "It was not the truth, ever."

The trial was adjourned until today.



All that stands between the prize lobsters of North Wales and a disastrous decline are a pair of soft brown eyes and some engineer's callipers (Michael McCarthy writes).

## Second man jailed for high-tech sales

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The second British businessman in two days to be sent to jail for selling banned high technology equipment to Soviet bloc countries was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment yesterday.

Peter Kempa shipped sophisticated electronics and computer equipment to Austria and Switzerland but its eventual destination was Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Acton Crown Court was told.

Kempa, aged 47, a businessman, from Ealing, west London, was convicted on five charges of illegally exporting high-technology equipment worth £130,000, including integrated printed circuits which could have military applications.

On Monday, a computer engineer, Alan Simmons, was jailed at Bristol Crown Court for illegally exporting com-

puter equipment worth millions of pounds to the Soviet Union.

The two cases are among a number of prosecutions for high-technology smuggling which are due to come before the courts in the next few months.

The drive by Customs to hunt down British businessmen involved in illegal sales of high-technology equipment to the Soviet bloc was given special impetus three years ago when a committee was set up, under the auspices of the Prime Minister, after pressure from the United States.

American customs officers traced the smuggling trail through many countries and established that Britain was a key staging post in the chain.

Customs said yesterday that they had brought nine successful cases of high-technology smuggling to court in the past 18 months.

## Multi-race theatre for Bristol

By Gavin Bell

The Bristol Old Vic is to form a multi-racial theatre company, only weeks after racial disturbances in the city.

Mr Leon Rubin, the theatre's new artistic director, said he hoped that the venture would help to bring together the various local communities in a theatrical environment, although it was not a direct response to the recent violence.

"It is a concept I have been working on for a couple of years, and it just so happens it is getting off the ground now. I prefer to call it a poly-cultural, rather than a multi-racial company, since the aim is to draw from diverse cultural backgrounds," he said.

Auditioning would begin shortly for about 10 actors of Afro-Caribbean, Asian, Chinese and Irish as well as Anglo-Saxon origin.

## Portfolio £8,000 win for shop assistant

A semi-retired shop assistant from Ealing in west London is the outright winner of yesterday's £8,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

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## Man is being questioned on London rapes

A Scotland Yard squad set up to hunt a multiple sex attacker dubbed "the Putney rapist" arrested a man in London yesterday and were questioning him last night.

Detectives detained the man aged 22 at his home in Collier's Wood, south-west London, after an investigation lasting seven weeks.

He was being questioned about at least 18 rapes and other sexual attacks in south-west London this year.

The man being hunted by the squad, led by Det Supt Frank Dove, has been terrorizing women since January 1, when he raped a woman, aged 23, in Tooting.

## Increase in heart attacks

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The number of patients treated for high blood pressure almost doubled in the past 15 years and those who suffered heart attacks rose by 14 per cent. There was also an increase of nearly 70 per cent in the number of cases of gout during the same period.

This pattern of illness, disclosed by the reports of 143 doctors in 48 practices caring for more than 330,000 people, was compiled in a study to compare conditions found in two previous analyses.

Details of the current situation shows a decline of 40 per cent in the number of patients suffering from diseases of the blood, particularly iron deficiency anaemia.

There was an apparent drop in the number of patients who consulted their doctor for mental illness, anxiety and depression. But the report attributed that trend more to an alteration in the way groups of people were classified.

Other diseases on the increase during the past 15 years included an 85 per cent rise in asthma, 79 per cent in hay fever and 57 per cent in diabetes.

Morbidity statistics from general practice 1981-82. (Third National Study, Stationery Office, £15.90).

## Middle path in ale choice

Beer tasters from the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra), have diplomatically avoided arguments between the North and South in this year's best beer awards.

Camra has awarded the best standard bitter prize to Brakspear's, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and the best premium bitter prize to Bateman's, of Wainfleet, Lincolnshire.

## Bamber was calm after bodies found

By Michael Horsnell

An hour after being told by police of the slaughter of five members of his family Jeremy Bamber announced he was starving and cooked himself a breakfast of fried bacon, toast and coffee, a crown court was told yesterday.

Police, who had accompanied him to his home five miles from the scene of the killings at White House Farm in Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex, on August 7 last year, said he appeared calm and even jovial later on.

The story of Mr Bamber's alleged demeanour was told by police witnesses to Chelmsford Crown Court on the tenth day of his murder trial.

His appearance in the witness box was postponed until today after the jury accepted an option by the judge not to begin hearing his evidence last night.

Yesterday they heard statements allegedly made by Mr Bamber, aged 25, to the police before and after his arrest.

Police witnesses told how on the day of the killings Mr Bamber authorized them to remove and destroy blood stained items found in his parents' elegant eighteenth century farmhouse.

And the jury was told how Mr Bamber allegedly asked two days after the massacre if police could give the sequence in which his family died

because according to legal advice he had received this could affect his parents' wills.

In lengthy interviews with the police between September 10 and 12 Mr Bamber said that his girl friend, Miss Julie Mugford, who went to police about him on September 4 was a persistent liar.

Asked to give a reason for which she might have lied Mr Bamber allegedly replied: "Jilted love was the main one. She has lost me and if she could put me behind bars nobody else could have me either."

Nevertheless, the jury was told of a note which Mr Bamber tried to send her when questioned by police on September 8 last year.

Det Sgt Michael Barlow said that Mr Bamber handed him a note addressed to his girl friend.

In it he allegedly wrote: "Hi Darling, hope this gets to you from Stalag 13. Thinking about you. Sorry we're splitting up. I love you. Stinker."

Mr Bamber, who denies killing his adoptive parents, Neville and June Bamber, both aged 61, his sister, Mrs Sheila Caffell, aged 27, and her twin sons, aged six, was finally arrested on September 29 last year after returning from a holiday in France. The trial continues today.

## Backlog of debt cases

Creditors are resorting to do-it-yourself justice to collect debts because of impatience with court delays, according to Civil Service union leaders (Frances Gibb writes).

The backlog of cases has become so bad that creditors are not prepared to wait for court orders, according to Mr Philip Green, a spokesman for the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) at Reading, Berkshire, where there are

326 cases waiting to be heard at crown court.

He said yesterday: "Debtors are being subjected to a series of threats and tactics which would never be allowed if the money was being collected by the courts."

Since 1979 there had been a 65 per cent rise in crown court workloads and court staff feared that they could not keep the system going much longer, he added.

## Dream voyage with Disney touch

A bored Belgian teenager took a 23ft ferry boat from a port in Cornwall, and set sail for America to fulfil a dream, a court was told yesterday.

But Paul Danan's high links on the high seas ended after just 50 miles and a rescue operation costing more than £2,500.

Magistrates at Liskeard, Cornwall, were told that Danan, aged 17, fed up with life in a Belgian biscuit factory, set off on his four-day escapade early in October, dreaming of opportunity and excitement.

After crossing the Channel

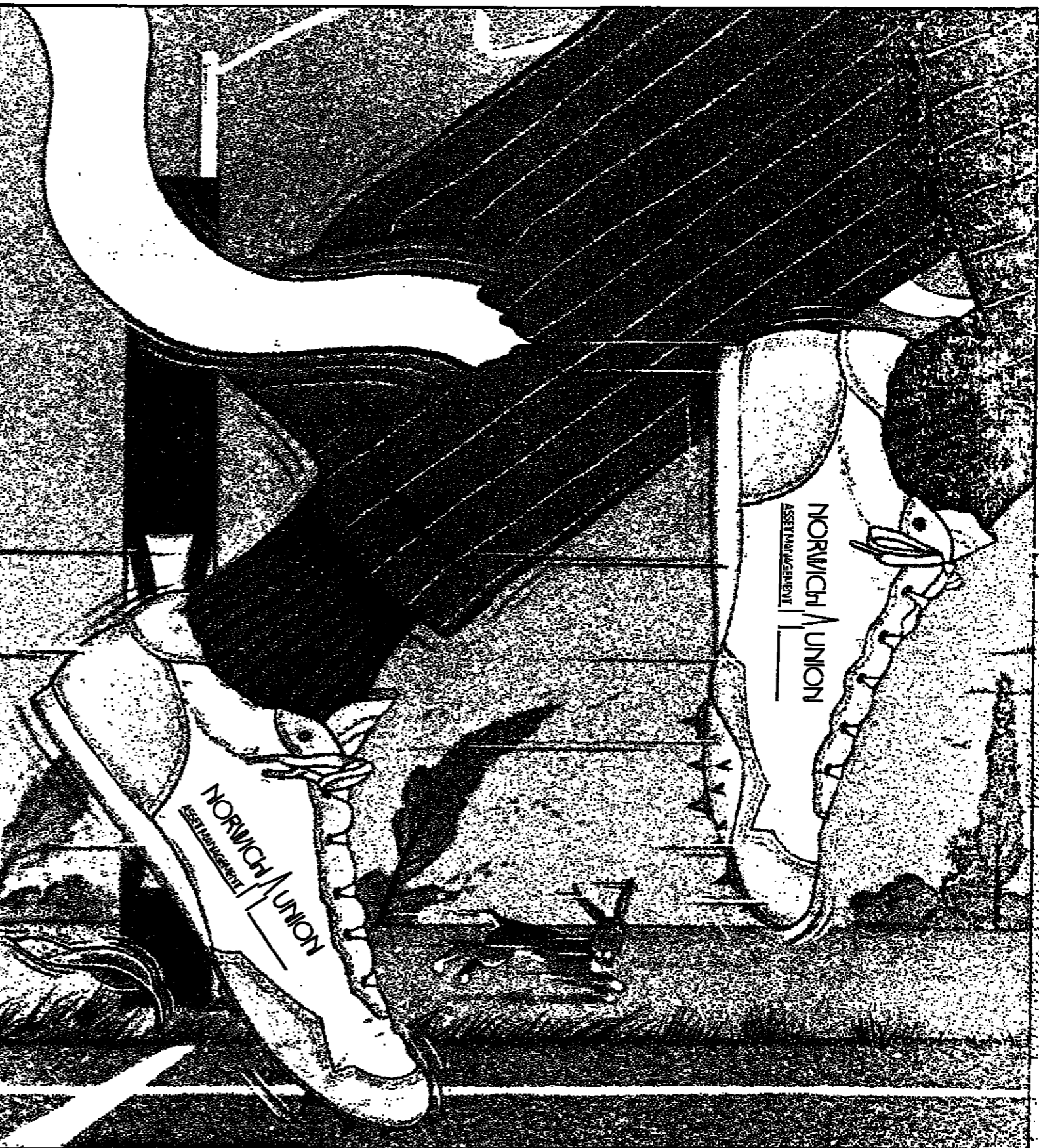
by jetfoil, he travelled to Cornwall and took the £15,000 passenger ferry Tamsin from Polruan. For the 3,000-mile voyage he had just 20 hours of fuel, £7 in cash and a few pence in Belgian currency.

Danan, aged 17, of Beerseel, Belgium, was fined £175 after pleading guilty to taking the boat and a 13ft toy tied alongside, without the owner's consent. Mr David Gittins, for the prosecution, said Danan was picked up about seven miles from The Lizard in an operation involving Royal Navy and police helicopters and a coastguard cutter.

Mr Andrew Deakin, for the

defence, said Danan's story was one Walt Disney would have been proud to have written. "He wanted more out of life, he wanted to put some sparkle into it."

He said that Danan had first headed for Ostend, crossed to Dover, caught a train to Plymouth, then walked 40 miles to Polruan. When asked why he took the ferry, Danan said: "I had a dream." Mr Deakin said: "It says a lot for the boat rather than the sailor that he was alive when they got to him. He was heading through one of the most dangerous stretches of water in the world."



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# Health service review scheme to take in all management

By Jill Sherman

The National Health Service performance review system, recently announced for Britain's 800 general managers, is to be extended to cover 50,000 health service management staff during the next three years.

The system involves giving managers specific targets. Each manager is regularly reviewed by the person with whom the objectives are set. There is also a second level assessment by a "grandparent" figure to provide a degree of equity. For example, the district general manager will be reviewed by the district chairman with the regional general manager as the grandparent.

Mr Len Peach, the newly appointed chief executive of the NHS management board, said yesterday that the pay related scheme should cover all management staff, including domestic and catering supervisors.

Mr Peach said yesterday: "Many groups have criticized the scheme saying only 800 people are going to gain. Let us test it on the 800 first. If it works then there is the opportunity to spread it to other people."

The review is linked with five pay bands, which will enable a general manager to get a 20 per cent pay rise over five years, if he achieves or exceeds his objectives. Managers on the fifth band - "unsatisfactory" - will not get the annual pay award.

At present the pay of other health service staff, apart from those covered by pay review bodies, such as doctors and nurses, is annually negotiated through the Whitley Council.

Addressing a conference held by the Institute of Health Services Management, Mr Peach said that he would also like to see doctors opt for the same system. "Junior doctors have said that they don't get sufficient feedback on their performance," he said. "I would like to think professional groups will be asking for this extension."

Mr Douglas Hague, president of the Institute of Health Services Management, criticized the banding system. He said it was based on "total success" and ignored the fact that general managers were in the risk business and were bound to have failures.



Three local organizers of the Beautiful Britain in Bloom competition, Mr Roy Hawking, Mrs Marion Pratt (centre) and Mrs Jean Hodge, of Sampford Courtenay, Devon, which was yesterday awarded the small village trophy by Princess Anne. The event is organized by the Keep Britain Tidy Group (Photograph: John Manning)

## Deaths prompt new rules for toys and bunks

By David Cross

The Government is to ban long-haired toys, after the death of a baby who swallowed nylon hairs from a horse which had been made in Taiwan. It is also to introduce new safety rules for bunk beds to stop children from trapping their heads between rails.

There had recently been a proliferation of toys with hair, some of which are badly made and present a potential choking hazard to very young children. The new legislation would prohibit the supply of toys with hair of more than 40mm in length if they failed a test on hair retention. But because the new rules

were unlikely to come into effect until next summer at the earliest, Mr Howard called on suppliers and parents to exercise extreme vigilance, particularly during the pre-Christmas spending spree. Four days before Christmas last year, Alexander Kentwell, aged five months, from Leeds, died after strands

from the mane of a musical toy caught in his throat. Outlining his plans for safer bunk beds, Mr Howard said there were models on the market with guard rails which were too far apart. There had been accidents, some of them fatal, in which children, mostly aged between two and six, had slipped through and trapped their heads.

## Ministers hoping to build on Reykjavik talks

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government did not regard the meeting in Reykjavik between President Reagan and the Gorbachev as a failure and the next steps were to build on what had been achieved, Lady Young, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said in a statement to the House of Lords.

She said that Reykjavik had not been originally designed as a forum for the conclusion of major arms control agreements. That both sides used it to get so close to that goal was proof of the value of the meeting and of the commitment to progress of the United States and the Soviet Union.

The unity of the Atlantic Alliance had been a major factor in bringing the Soviet Union to the negotiating table and in impelling it so far down the road towards arms control agreements. Its unity would not be affected by the outcome at Reykjavik.

the Russians were working on their own SDI and if so why was it not brought to the conference table? Why had the Soviet Union not been prepared to make disclosures in the same detail and in the same manner as the United States?

Were there any specific undertakings on human rights and Afghanistan?

What were the present prospects for a summit meeting in Washington?

Was it intended to visit Washington for discussions with President Reagan, and if so what would be the main objectives?

Lord Kennet, for the Alliance, said that President Reagan in refusing to admit discussion on his freedom to test and deploy SDI, had announced his intention to breach or more likely to denounce the anti-ballistic missile treaty.

If the Government was now to back Mr Reagan's belief that testing of SDI was worth the loss of an agreement, would it spell out what it saw as the apparently overwhelming benefit for Europe and the world?

They had to develop a proper European foreign and defence policy which could allow Britain to be present at negotiations affecting British lives.

Lady Young said the negotiations at Geneva should continue so that there could be further progress towards agreement. It would not be appropriate for her to go into detail on what Mr Karpov had said in London.

The position was that the Russians had agreed at the Geneva summit that a deal on intermediate-range missiles would not be negotiated without reference to strategic weapons or to space issues. The Government would confirm the commitment to a separate agreement.

There had been Soviet research programmes since the sixties on anti-ballistic missile defences around Moscow. They were the only type in existence in the world and they were being upgraded.

On Afghanistan, the most helpful move by the Soviet Union would be a rapid and complete withdrawal.

So far the prospects for a further Washington summit were not clear, but they hoped that Mr Gorbachev would pick up the outstanding invitation to the United States this year.

She was not in a position to comment on Mrs Thatcher's plans to travel to Washington, but they were in constant touch with their American allies on this as with other issues.

**New Peer**  
Lord Deedes, formerly Sir William Deedes, editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, was introduced in the House of Lords.

**Parliament today**  
Lords (3): Financial Services Bill, report stage.

## Government defeated on health amendment

The Government was defeated for the hundredth time since 1979 in the House of Lords when an amendment removing Crown immunity for health and safety legislation from health authorities was carried by 110 votes to 86 - a majority against the Government of 24.

The amendment to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill was moved by Lord Ennals (Lab) who welcomed the Government decision, incorporated in the Bill, that hospital kitchens should no longer be covered by Crown immunity but said that that did not go far enough.

Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said that it was neither the time nor the Bill for an attempt to deal with Crown immunity.

Hospital authorities were already required to comply with health and safety legislation and there were adequate safeguards to ensure that they did.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) asked whether, if this was the wrong time and the wrong Bill, had the Government got it in mind to do it or something like it in the future?

Lord Deansing said he felt the same unease as Lord Boyd-Carpenter and asked whether there was any reason to distinguish between private hospitals and the NHS.

Lady Trumpington said: "if we start mucking about with Crown immunity on a piecemeal, ad hoc basis, as we go along, it needs far more consultation." Lord Ennals said it might be on Lady Trumpington's conscience if Crown immunity were not removed and something happened.

## Hallowe'en import frightening old people

The House of Lords yesterday went straight from the silent reverence of their own customs - the introduction of a new peer with all the ancient robes and solemnity - to the almost equally solemn consideration of the reimportation from America of the custom of "trick or treat", which increasingly marks Hallowe'en nowadays instead of the turnip parties of yesteryear.

trick or treat by making it an offence to use threatening or disorderly behaviour which caused harassment, alarm or distress.

Lord St Davids thought that a very good answer because old people could say "No" to demands for a "Penny for the guy" but found it difficult when they might then have a trick played on them.

His concern extended to the perpetrators of the tricks, too. They were not just teenagers, he said, but very small children who were going round the streets late at night and going into strange houses. Ask the education authorities to discourage it, he told the minister.

But the minister, himself a father of two, was having none of that: approach the parents and remind them of their responsibilities was his advice. Hallowe'en was still often being observed with a sense of humour and he was all in favour of that.

He told Lord Mishcon that while he had heard no complaints about trick or treat from the police, Age Concern and some MPs had raised the matter with the Home Office.

It turned out that it was also unnecessary because the new Public Order Bill was about to outlaw the more extreme manifestations of

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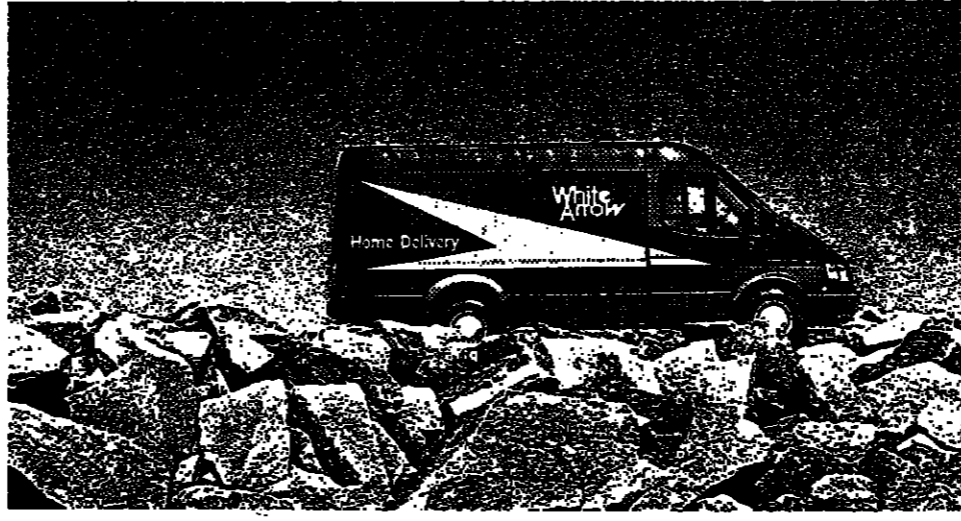
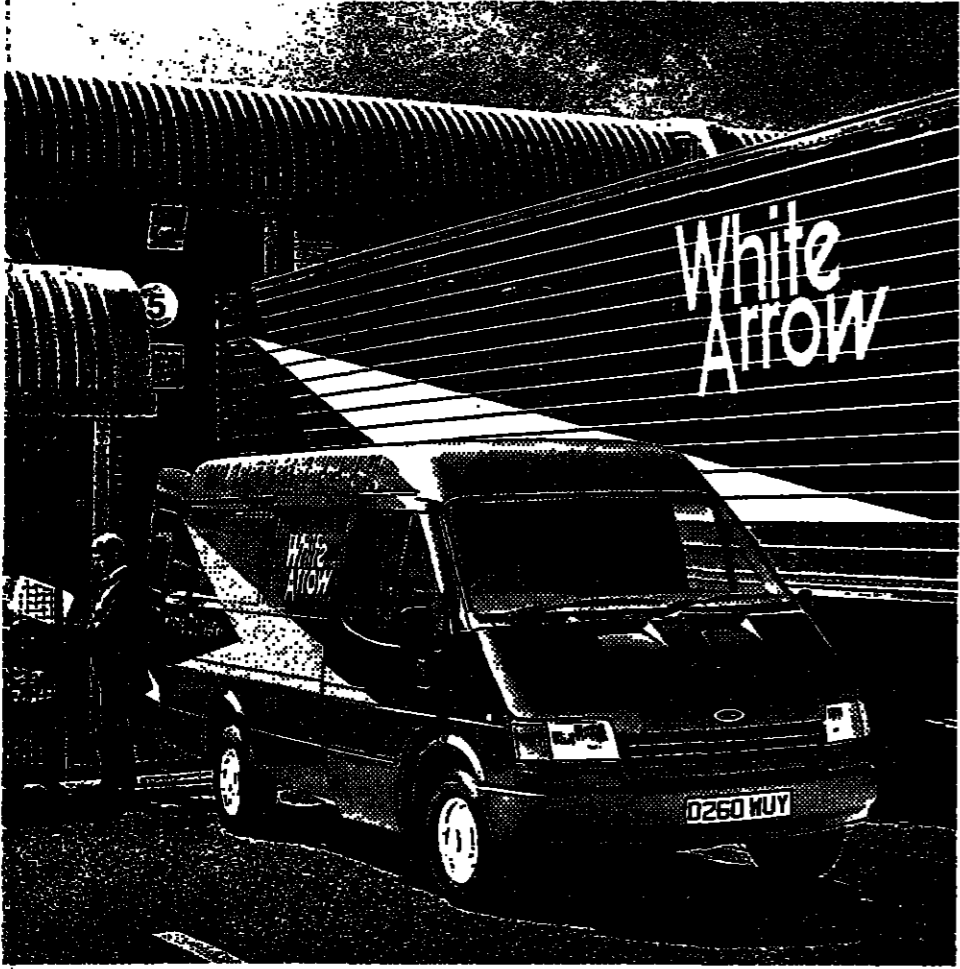
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# Cut-price air travel for companies guaranteed by change in the rules

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent.

Firms which send their employees on regular business trips abroad will soon be able to demand discounts from travel agents on the cost of air tickets. They will also be able to negotiate direct with the airlines if they are dissatisfied with the deal offered.

The Civil Aviation Authority wants bulk discounts to be available on all international fares, with the benefit being passed to the customer rather than the travel agent.

Travel agents, who now get up to 10 per cent commission on any air ticket they sell, are to fight the plans, which are due to take effect in three weeks.

At present, airlines can give discounts only to travel agents and may not, under international law, charge passengers less than the approved fare.

During the past few years, however, an increasing number of "under the counter" deals have been struck between big companies and their travel agents in which part of that commission is passed on.

The CAA, which has so far turned a blind eye to these deals, now wants to formalize the arrangement by making the procedure legal.

The Association of British Travel Agents said last night that it would fight the plan in the three weeks remaining before the proposals become law. "It flies totally in the face of everything we have been telling the CAA," a spokesman said.

## Cheap flights for business

An independent airline aims to attract business travellers by undercutting British Airways by up to 19 per cent on domestic air fares.

British Midland Airways is offering a "three-day return" to Glasgow or Edinburgh from Heathrow for £119 compared with a British Airways return of £144. The cost of a similar ticket to Belfast is £112 compared with British Airways' price of £138.

The new fares are aimed specifically at businessmen who, according to Mr Michael Bishop, British Midland's chairman, have been excluded from cheap offers by all airlines up to now.

The offer comes as British Airways increase domestic fares by up to 8 per cent from November 1.

"The whole travel agency industry is very competitive and travel agents don't make much anyway on a ticket. They get 9 per cent on international flights and 7½ per cent on domestic flights."

The practice of splitting the commission with the customer is certainly not widespread but the proposals by the CAA would mean that everyone would now want to cut further into the small return we do make," he said.

The CAA is suggesting that any company which spends

more than £100,000 on air travel in a year should be eligible to claim part of the commission but says that the figure could be "negotiable", with individual airlines free to set their own limit.

The new proposals would mainly benefit large companies who use more than one travel agent or who have not, until now, been aware that they can ask for a discount.

A company spending, for example, £200,000 a year on air travel — a figure easily reached by many firms with export potential — would be able to demand perhaps 5 per cent discount for themselves, with the rest of the saving going to the agent. This would cut their travel bill by £10,000 a year. If they mainly fly to just one country and use a single airline, they could save more by asking the airline for a direct discount.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the CAA, said: "This would allow bulk customers not at present enjoying discounts to negotiate them in future and provide an additional competitive stimulus within the industry."

The proposals come after consultation with airlines and travel agents earlier in the year, when strong objections to the scheme were lodged. But the CAA has overridden the objections and now looks certain to formalize the plan next month.



The Great Leap Forward: Liu Rulin, an acrobatic member of the Peking Opera troupe, makes a dramatic landing on a Scottish quayside, dressed in the costume of the Monkey King. The 50-strong troupe, in Edinburgh this weekend, is taking its inimitable style of opera on a tour of the British Isles, introducing shows which include everything from tales of dragons and slapstick comedy to large scale battles.

## Two are cleared over IRA escape

Two men were cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of helping Patrick Magee, who was one of the Brighton bombers, and another IRA man to escape from police in Lancashire in 1983.

Joseph Calvey, aged 38, and James Murray, aged 26, both building workers and originally from Rosturk, Co Mayo, were accused of driving Magee and Patrick Murray to Newport, South Wales, from Preston after they narrowly evaded police.

Magee and Patrick Murray made their way from Wales by ferry back to Ireland. Mr John Nutting, for the prosecution, alleged.

Magee and Patrick Murray had managed to give detectives the slip after a car chase which ended at Preston railway station. Police were riling them after uncovering a plot to blow up a public house used by soldiers, the Eagle and Child Inn, near Wecton Army camp.

Magee and Patrick Murray were followed, but escaped on April 26, leaving their hired car, with its engine running and doors open, at Preston station.

In the witness box, Mr Calvey, of Bristol Avenue, Farrington, Leyland, and James Murray, of Basil Street, Preston, said that they did not suspect that the two men they aided were on the run for a terrorist offence.

The jury cleared the two men of committing acts intended to pervert the course of justice and failing to disclose information under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

## Art for blind

Britain's first art exhibition for blind people, consisting of paintings with raised surfaces which they touch by hand, was held at Ipswich, Suffolk, yesterday.

## £1m plane was once a 'wreck'

An aircraft which is 30 years old and cost £500,000 when new has been sold for £1 million (Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, writes).

British Air Ferries has sold a Viscount, bought as a hulk three years ago, to the Swedish airline, Baltic Aviation.

The Viscount is regarded as one of Britain's most successful aircraft. Since it was first produced in 1948 a total of 445 have been sold around the world and they are now in ever increasing demand. The last Viscount rolled off the production line more than 28 years ago, but it is still going strong with its quiet interior and fuel efficient Rolls-Royce engines.

Since Viscount G-AVJB was bought by BAF as a wreck without engines it has undergone extensive refurbishment and attracted worldwide interest.

It is ideal for the new operator who wants to keep costs to a minimum and even at £1 million compares more than favourably with a new Boeing 747, for example, which can cost as much as £100 million.

## Promise of better food on trains

The traditional sausage roll and pork pie have been banished from Britain's trains, and passengers will increasingly be able to have food served to them at their seats (writes Rodney Cowton).

Dr John Prideaux, Director of Intercity, says that he hopes at the same time to provide passengers with better food and service, and to eliminate the £5 million subsidy which Intercity pays on catering.

Cream teas have been introduced on west of England services, a bistro is to be found on the Birmingham route and on some services in Scotland there are Scottish menus.

During the next year Dr Prideaux is hoping to provide trolley service offering drinks and snacks in second-class carriages, and to give a full meal service in all first-class compartments.

Another aspect of British Rail's modernization was carried forward yesterday when Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, opened a new depot at Newcastle upon Tyne as part of the £300 million electrification of the east coast rail route.

## MP denies 'racist' allegation

The Tory MP accused by a BBC Panorama programme of having links with the far right, told a jury in the High Court yesterday: "I am not a racist."

Mr Neil Hamilton, aged 37, MP for Tatton, Cheshire, was giving evidence on the third day of a libel action in which he is suing the BBC and members of the Panorama team over a report called "Maggie's Militant Tendency".

He claims the broadcast, about infiltration of the Conservative Party by extreme right-wingers, portrayed him as "a vilest racist, an anti-Semite, a Fascist and an opponent of democracy".

The BBC, Mr Peter Ibbotson, editor of Panorama, Mr James Hogan, the producer, Mr Fred Emery, the presenter, and Mr Michael Cockerell, a reporter, deny libel.

Mr Hamilton told the jury: "I am not a racist in the sense that I believe that a man is any better or worse for the colour of his skin."

"I am aware, as we all are, of human differences and the differences which come about from having grown up in states with radically different customs and systems."

Mr Hamilton, who lives at St Mary-le-Park Court, Albert Bridge Road, Westminster, central London, agreed that he supported strict controls on the number of immigrants allowed into Britain.

He said that his campaign manifesto, when he stood for the Bradford North constituency in 1979, included the statement that he was "against any further large scale coloured immigration".

Mr Hamilton told the jury that he stood as a "spoilt" candidate in the 1972 election for President of the Students' Union at University College, Aberystwyth.

Asked by his counsel, Mr Richard Hartley, QC, what steps he took in the election hustings, he replied: "They certainly weren't goose-steps."

Mr Hamilton said that to bring more entertainment to the election he provided some "spoof Nuremberg-type of speech".

He arranged that when he entered an election meeting, he would be accompanied by the dramatic opening bars of the Richard Strauss music used in the film 2001.

"I was dressed in an ice cream vendor's jacket, decorated with a sash and crepe paper, and a lady's cape, with an ordinary pair of trousers and shoes," he said.

"I was accompanied by a number of rather sinister-looking colleagues wearing dark glasses and carrying water pistols."

Mr Hamilton said that he did not make any Nazi salutes.

Answering a suggestion that there was a picture of him with his arm raised, Mr Hamilton said: "I am clenching a pair of gloves and acknowledging the cheers of the audience."

The trial continues today.

## Drug deals 'admitted'

Lawrence Zephyr, who was trapped by police with Lord Blandford in a cocaine den, admitted he was a drugs dealer, it was claimed at Knightsbridge Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Zephyr, aged 53, made his confession, it was alleged, after police pounced on the drugs den, below a menswear shop in Edgeware Road, north London, and found Lord Blandford, aged 30.

Drug squad officers later raided Mr Zephyr's flat in Golders Green Road, north London, and found £21,000 of cocaine.

Mr David Bate, for the defence, said that the police planted cocaine on Mr Zephyr and invented the "confessions".

Mr Zephyr, of Ashmore Road, Maida Vale, west London, denies four charges of possessing and supplying cocaine, and four firearms charges.

Lord Blandford has pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing cocaine and will be sentenced later.

The trial continues.

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## Geldof award

Bob Geldof, organizer of Live Aid, is to be presented in Dublin today with a United Nations medal for his work to combat world hunger, by Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Republic's prime minister.

## Youth job opportunities in tourism

By Trudi McIntosh

More unemployed young people should be encouraged to work for Britain's £10 billion tourism industry, the country's biggest growth sector, Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday in London.

Launching a national Tourism and Community Programme scheme, which will create 2,500 Community Programme places for the long-term unemployed, Lord Young challenged the tourism industry to double the number of places within the first year. He said that at least a third

of young people who had completed community programmes in the tourism industry were able to obtain long-term work.

"That is much higher than the national average, but more young people need to be encouraged to see the enormous potential in this ever-growing industry," Lord Young said.

He added: "The British vice is that sometimes we confuse service with servile. In France, being a waiter is considered an honourable profession, but there are parts of this country where the opposite attitude exists."

Mr Duncan Bluck, chairman of the English Tourist Board, said tourism was a big employer, with more than one million jobs, and creating new jobs at the rate of 40,000 a year in England alone.

However, in spite of the tourism boom, there was still a shortage of people in all sections of the industry.

"I constantly hear that employers in tourism centres and resorts around the country cannot get enough people to fill the job vacancies," Mr Bluck added.

He said he was also concerned that there were many

people in some areas of England who considered that a job in the tourism industry "was less honourable than, for example, a job in manufacturing".

"The tourism industry creates jobs, more young people need to realize this."

Under the new scheme, the English Tourist Board and the Manpower Services Commission will promote Community Programme tourism projects in five main areas. One thousand CP places will be created in Tourism Development Action Programmes already under way.

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# Police told to include all home violence in statistics

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office and chief constables have acted to ensure that crime statistics more accurately record the amount of domestic violence and rape reported to police.

A Home Office circular, backed by the Association of Chief Police Officers, says that rape complaints should be recorded as "no crime" unless the complainant retracts completely and admits to fabrication. All domestic violence, where there has been a criminal offence, should be similarly recorded.

According to a report now being studied by the Metropolitan police, the amount of domestic violence is being hidden because the police are not recording the extent of it.

The findings, by Dr Susan Edwards, a research fellow at the Polytechnic of Central London, add to the controversy over the validity of police statistics. If the recording practice for domestic violence were changed, the clear-up rate for it would fall.

The new guidance on statistics is given along with advice on the treatment of rape victims and training of police officers. The circular endorses the main recommendations dealing with police procedures in a report of the Women's National Commission last December. The commission is an advisory body sponsored by the Cabinet Office.

The circular offers advice on improvement of the conditions in which victims are examined and interviewed. It says that in the interests of privacy and comfort they should be examined whenever possible away from the traditional police interview room, either in a separate rape examination suite, such as those being set up by the Metropolitan police, or in accommodation arranged in local hospitals or doctors' surgeries.

"Where it is unavoidable to conduct examinations at a police station which does not have a special suite for the purpose, chief officers will wish to ensure that these are carried out in appropriate facilities which provide an atmosphere that reduces stress and fosters care and concern, and protects the privacy of the victim."

Forces are encouraged to recruit more female police surgeons or other female doctors to help in such cases, so that rape victims can be medically examined by a woman if they wish.

"The value of specialist squads of women officers dealing exclusively with sexual offences against women and children will be drawn to the attention of chief officers."

The circular adds: "It will normally be desirable for victims to be given information about issues such as the availability of pregnancy advice, treatment for infections and for injuries, victims support organizations, the possible need for photographs and the criminal injuries compensation scheme."

Mr Douglas Hogg, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Home Office, said: "Women who have suffered the ordeal of rape or who are victims of domestic violence need to know they will receive a sympathetic hearing if they go to the police."

"Implementation of these recommendations by all police forces will enable women to come forward and report these particularly abhorrent crimes, confident in the knowledge they will be received with tact and understanding."

## Decline in number of Christians

The Christian Church in Britain lost half a million members in the first five years of the 1980s, while the number of Muslims rose by more than a third, according to figures just published.

There are now just over seven million Christians in the United Kingdom, compared with more than 7.5 million in 1980 and 8.5 million in 1970.

The UK Christian Handbook 1987/88 says that the Church is likely to lose another 500,000 members by the end of the decade.

This compares with growth in Muslim membership from 600,000 to 852,000 in the five years to last year, according to the handbook, published by MARC Europe.

Muslim membership outstrips the combined strength of the Methodist and Baptist churches by 152,000.

The Christian Church now consists mainly of people under 20 and pensioners, according to Mr Peter Brierley, the book's editor and European Director of MARC.

## PC fined for attack on youth

A married policeman was upset over a domestic crisis involving another woman when he attacked a youth, Gloucester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Kevin Balding, aged 18, was in hospital for five days after the assault.

At the time of the attack, PC Martin Roddy, aged 31, had just come from a meeting with the woman and her husband, Mr Christopher Pitchford, for the defence, said.

Mr Patrick Clarkson, for the prosecution, said a number of youths were on a bench opposite Stonehouse police station, Gloucestershire, and PC Roddy told them to get their feet off. He grabbed Kevin Balding and pushed him against a wall, banging his head.

Mr Pitchford said: "The incident happened when relationships between PC Roddy and his wife were 'extremely strained'."

PC Roddy, of The Northfields, Folley Lane, Stroud, admitted assault and was fined £150 and ordered to pay £200 costs.

### Banking technology

## Discreet cosiness of an automated service

By Keith Hindley

The bank of the future has been unveiled in Dundee without a counter or cashier in sight. It has become instead a family cash, business and shopping centre.

High-speed machines allow customers to get cash, make a credit, obtain an instant bank statement or pay the bills. The children can even pick up their pocket money at a special till mounted a foot lower.

In all, more than 40 services, practically everything a clerk used to do, are automated. The furnishings are soft, the atmosphere cosy and the counter staff have become sales people in discreet alcoves, free to chat if customers need them.

Some machines provide colour videos and can deal on the spot with opening an account, quoting for car insurance or making mail order purchases.

More alcoves provide on-line computer terminals for businessmen to rent. Investment advisers or insurance firms have alcoves to provide their own special services.

A security door limits entry to the self-operated machine foyer to cardholders.

The bank is the creation of NCR Limited, the Dundee-based British arm of the American National Cash Register Company. It is celebrating its fortieth anniversary in Dundee by showing a new generation of sophisticated bank terminals.

NCR, which began by manufacturing cash tills in the United States, is now a world leader in intelligent terminals.

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"We have 52 per cent of the UK market. Our parent company has celebrated our anniversary by giving Dundee full responsibility for all NCR's terminal sales worldwide."

Each terminal must be adapted for the host country. British and European banks, for example, specify a half-inch thick steel face for cash dispensers, while the Swedes stipulate one inch. In the United States, the banks have had so few security problems with terminals that they use tin boxes painted to look like safes.

The French have refused to accept the interactive screens used in most countries, where buttons to press appear on the screens. Some Central African countries have terminals using four different languages.

A new high-security terminal has armoured plating and screens. One attacker, during a test in a rough area of Manchester, complimented the bank. He damaged his shoe and broke a hammer and screwdriver but could not lift even one of the number keys.

Mr Peter Freeman, NCR's product manager, said: "If you want to see innovative banking now, go to Spain. The banks there are installing everything we have."



The coffin with an RAF cap and sword on top is carried past the guard of honour.

# Salute to RAF pilot after 44 years

By Ian Smith

The guard of honour fired a salvo, a lone Spitfire flew at tree-top height and the mourners stood silent in a tribute to a man who had been dead for 44 years.

The final solemn tribute was paid yesterday to Pilot Officer Charles "Berrie" Barber, of 140 Squadron.

His oak coffin, draped with a Union Jack, and with a sword of honour and a pilot officer's peaked cap lying on top, was laid to rest in the churchyard at RAF Fimbley, South Yorkshire, at noon yesterday.

Full military honours were accorded the last Second World War hero to be buried before the introduction of the Military Remains Act which forbids further disturbance of war dead, wherever they fell.

Present at the service were the dead pilot's brother, friends from school as well as from the RAF and his former fiancée, now Mrs Margaret Butler, from Norwich, who stood at the graveside in cream suit and dark blue blouse, holding her husband's hand tightly.

It was shortly after noon on April 24, 1942, that Spitfire

X4784 took off from RAF Benson, Oxfordshire, and flew at 35,000ft over the French coast taking photographs to help military intelligence in the build-up to the D-Day landings.

It should have been a routine reconnaissance flight, a "piece of cake" for the pilot who wore his father's cufflinks for good luck.

But he did not return.

His Spitfire crossed the white cliffs of Dover, lost height then crashed into marshland near the river Rye in Sussex.

The aircraft remained bur-

ied in a marsh until two months ago when the pilot's remains, still lying in his cockpit, were recovered by a team from Tangmere Military Aviation Museum in West Sussex.

His brother, Mr Ray Barber, aged 65, said after the burial service: "I feel so proud that at last I have been able to honour my brother. It is fitting he should be laid to rest next to other war heroes."

Later a group of the dead man's closest friends went back to the grave and laid their own red wreath on top of the freshly dug earth.

# MPs oppose move to 'bounce' road into tunnel Bill

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A government attempt to "bounce" MPs into accepting plans for a new road between Folkestone and Dover, by including it in the Channel Tunnel Bill, is almost certain to fail.

The Department of Transport is determined to build the road - an extension to the M20 motorway - although it would run through an area of outstanding natural beauty and its traffic forecasts are highly contentious.

By tagging the planned road onto the Channel Tunnel Bill the department would bypass the need for a public inquiry.

It emerged yesterday that a majority of MPs on the select committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill see no reason why they should be asked to approve the road, and they treated government submissions on the subject with open scepticism.

Mr Peter Snape, a Labour transport spokesman, told the hearing: "If the Department of Transport wish to build this road it should go through the proper procedure instead of bouncing the committee. I for one intend to move that the proposal to extend the A20 eastward be deleted from the Bill."

Mr Michael Fitzgerald, QC, for the Government, argued that the existing A20 road was highly dangerous and the Bill represented a far quicker way of building an urgently needed alternative.

But he was unable to reply, when Mr Alex Fletcher, the committee chairman, asked approximately how much time would be saved.

Mr Fitzgerald was equally vague about exact costs of the new road, prompting Mr Nick Raynsford, MP for Fulham, to say that it was "extraordinary that we are being asked to approve this and the department cannot give us costings".

The new road and the Government's methods of achieving it have been condemned by numerous environmental bodies.

They fear that were the select committee to approve the road it would give the Government a precedent for by-passing public inquiries.

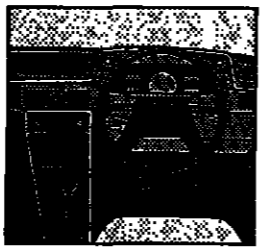
Solicitors acting for the Eurotunnel consortium have sent a letter of complaint to Flexilink, the umbrella organization opposing the tunnel, and to the Advertising Standards Authority.

They are complaining about advertisements placed by Flexilink in the quality press designed to undermine investors' confidence in the tunnel project.

Flexilink, which represents Sealink, European Ferries and others, yesterday promised a "robust" reply.

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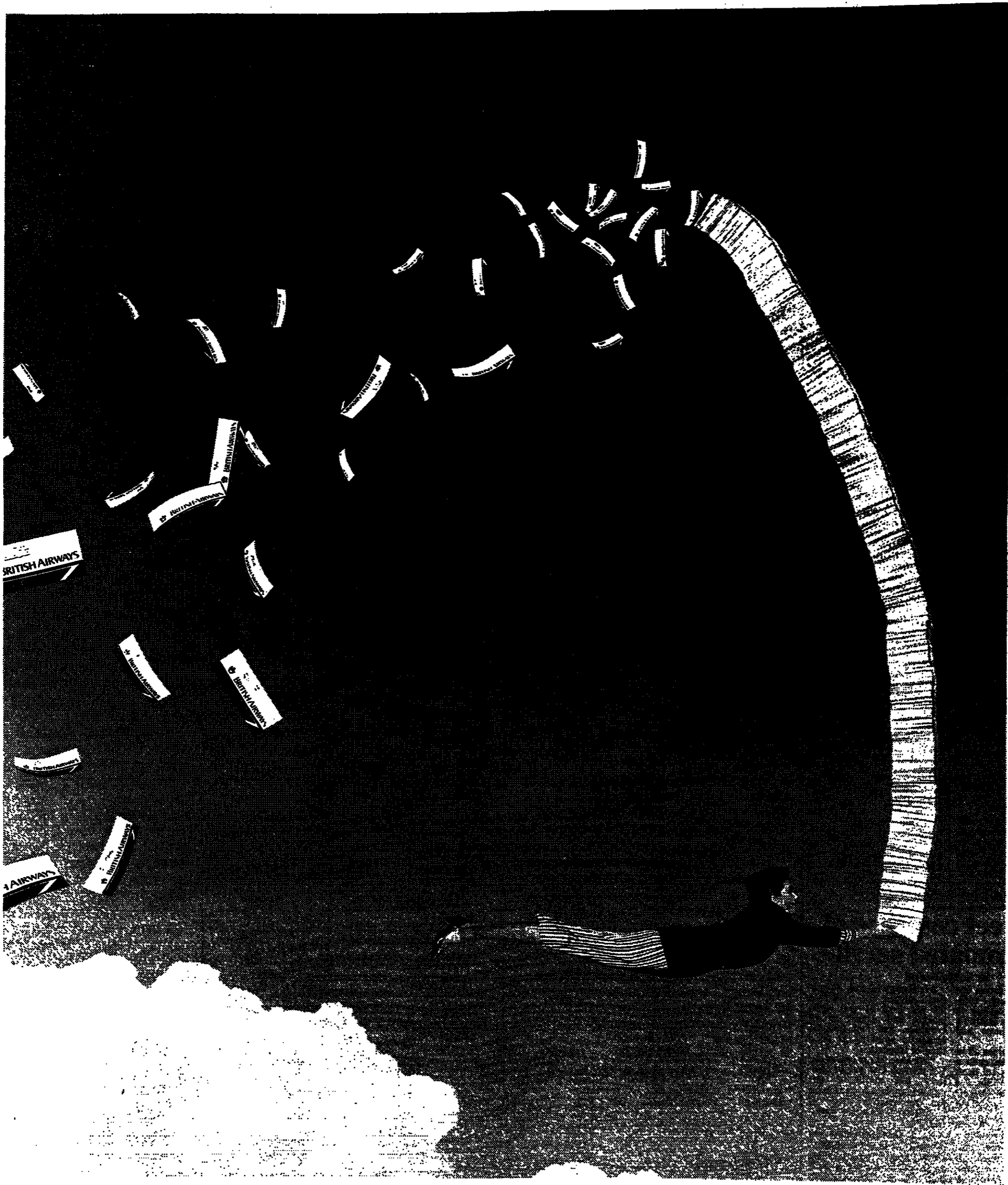
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# South African rights group claims torture of children is widespread

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The widespread torture and mistreatment of children detained under South Africa's emergency regulations is alleged in a memorandum released this week by the Black Sash, the civil rights organization run by white women. The ill-treatment ladled out to children is a frightening symptom of a disease which may have already progressed beyond cure, says the memorandum, which contains some 30 statements and affidavits from children aged between 12 and 18. Children, it says, are "intimidated, brutalized and often scared stiff".

The statements were collected by the Black Sash last April, and refer to experiences in detention during the first partial state of emergency in force from July 21 of last year until March 7 of this year. According to official figures, of the 7,996 people detained in that time, about 2,100 were under the age of 16. The Detainees' Parents' Support Committee, an independent monitoring body, estimates that some 22,000 people have been detained for varying periods during the current emergency. In force since June 12, and that 40 per cent were under the age of 18, including a child of nine.

Kicking, beating, electric shock treatment, being forced to do vigorous exercises carrying heavy weights, and being held head down in water into which teargas has been pumped, are among the forms of maltreatment alleged in the memorandum. The Black Sash accepts that not all children detained are innocent, and that black youths have engaged in stoning, arson and "necklacing", the use of a petrol-soaked rubber tyre to burn suspected government collaborators and informers to death. It alleges, however, that the security forces' brutal methods are applied "irrespective of any possible guilt", and that large numbers of children are rounded up at random from the streets, and then detained and beaten up in the hope of eliciting information. The police directorate for public relations yesterday rejected the allegations as another attempt to discredit the security forces, and noted that those complaining of mistreatment had not been named. Township deaths: Petrol bombs were hurled at security force vehicles in four separate incidents in a Port Elizabeth black township, and a black man was killed when the officers retaliated in one case, the Government said yesterday (AP reports).



Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, lending an ear to President Reagan as he briefed members of Congress on his summit talks in Iceland.

## WORLD SUMMARY

### 2,000 flee fires in disaster mine

Johannesburg (Reuter) — About 2,000 men were safely evacuated yesterday when underground fires triggered an emergency at the Kiaros mine, scene of South Africa's worst gold mine disaster last month. The men were brought to the surface after "two separate and minor fire incidents of unknown origin", according to a statement from the General Mining Union Corporation. More than 170 miners died last month when a fire sent poisonous fumes through the mine.

### Transplant death

The only woman to receive an artificial heart has died nearly 10 months after her mechanical heart was replaced by a real one (Our Foreign Staff writes). Mary Lund, aged 40, died of multiple organ failure at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, her doctors said. In St. Louis, a man aged 44 has two functioning hearts as a result of a transplant operation that doctors say will allow his new heart gradually to take over the functions of the original. Doctors performed the seven-hour operation at The University Hospital at St. Louis University Medical Centre.

### Aid for shipyards Haul of hemp

Bonn (Reuter) — The West German Government yesterday unveiled a £100 million plan to help coastal states to deal with the collapse of the nation's shipbuilding industry. Herr Martin Bange, the Economics Minister, and Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Finance Minister, said that the money would be in infrastructure aid to the four northern coastal states where the crisis-hit German shipbuilding companies are based. Aalsmeer, The Netherlands (Reuter) — Police yesterday searched greenhouses in this town, famed for its flowers, after they found 8,000 hemp plants growing under glass. A spokesman said that the plants, which would have had a street value of more than £450,000 in nearby Amsterdam, had been sprayed to make them worthless. Last month police found five tonnes of hemp in another greenhouse.

## Chaos at the peace congress

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Denounced by the Danish Government and shunned by all Denmark's main political parties, the controversial World Peace Congress devoted to the international year of peace opened here yesterday amid scenes of chaos. A big scuffle on the platform interrupted the opening ceremony when demonstrators from the London-based Association for a Free Russia displayed a banner worded "This is a KGB Peace Congress", seized the microphone and shouted "Go home KGB" and other anti-Soviet slogans. Other noisy demonstrators jeered, shouted and at times sang.

In his inaugural address, Mr Hermod Lannung, the 90-year-old Danish peace activist and chairman of the World Congress, criticized the press for unjustly attacking the West as being controlled by Moscow. The five-day Copenhagen congress is the fourteenth of its kind involving the council since 1949, and the first to be held in a Nato country. Only four small Danish parties, the Communists, the Left Socialists, the Socialist People's Party and the Radical Liberals are participating. Anti-American bias was detected in a discussion session yesterday afternoon on nuclear safety. One of the main participants

## Kimche critical of defence influence

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Strong criticism of the way in which Israel's foreign policy is dictated by the Defence Ministry has come from Mr David Kimche, one of the most senior and respected members of the country's civil service, who has just been forced out of his job as a result of implementation of the Government's rotation agreement. For six years he won worldwide respect as Director General of the Foreign Ministry. He was an essential figure in the negotiations to end the Lebanese invasion, and more recently masterminded the agreement with Egypt on disputed border areas. His many contacts in Africa, where he was an agent with Mossad, Israel's secret service, smoothed the way to a resumption of diplomatic relations with Zaire, Liberia, Ivory Coast and Cameroon.

The first was when Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981. No-one at the ministry had known about it. Because of that his ministry had to spend two or three days putting together information about the raid and then having to "sell" the reasons for it to the rest of the world. The second case he quoted was the Lebanese invasion, in which he said the Foreign Ministry had been excluded from the planning and was never asked about policy or information control. It proved impossible again yesterday for the planned hand-over of power from Mr Peres to Mr Yitzhak Shamir to go ahead, as the two party leaders continued bickering over the details of Cabinet places and senior official appointments once the new government takes over. The "rotation" from a Labour to a Likud prime minister was due to take place on Tuesday, but Mr Peres has been holding out on two main points before he will step down.

But despite his achievements and his reputation, he has been forced out to make way for Mr Avraham Tamir, who has been close to Mr Shimon Peres as Director General of the Prime Minister's office and who is now moving over, with Mr Peres, to the Foreign Ministry. In his farewell address to ministry staff this week, Mr Kimche showed how much he resented the way the Defence Ministry dictated foreign policy. He cited two examples from the time he was made Director General in 1980.

The first is that he does not want a senior Cabinet position being given to Mr Yitzhak Modai, the Liberal Party leader whom he sacked from the Cabinet in July for being insulting. The other is that he wants to be able to nominate one of his close associates as Ambassador in Washington.

## Pretoria's hard line on Kaunda

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

General Magnus Malan, the South African Defence Minister, issued a blunt warning yesterday to President Kaunda of Zambia that if he continues to grant the African National Congress (ANC) refugee he can expect South African military reprisals. In a prepared statement, General Malan declared: "A leader like Dr Kaunda must realize that he cannot play host to the ANC and the South African Communist Party (SACP) and be known as a man who seeks peace." "Our fighter planes over Lusaka were a direct message to him to decide between peace and confrontation." This was a reference to the air raids on alleged ANC targets in Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia last May. General Malan's threats are a sharp toughening of Pretoria's hard-line policy towards neighbouring states since the middle of this year.

● No action: Dr Kaunda, as chairman of the frontline states grouping, yesterday ruled out punitive action by the six countries against Zaire and Malawi for having allegedly tolerated Angolan and Mozambican rebels on their territory (A Correspondent writes from Victoria Falls).

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## COMMENTARY

What chance is there now of an arms control agreement after Reykjavik? Quite a bit, if one were to go by the more optimistic comments from both sides. One of the features of the post-summit scene is a general desire to present Reykjavik as a beginning rather than a sorry conclusion. But both the Soviet and American leaders have their own propaganda reasons for seeking to give this impression. One thing that did begin at Reykjavik was the capture of the arms control process by public relations.

That contest was not resolved as the leaders withdrew from the negotiating table, and they may well conclude that to fire salvos of optimism is the best way to continue the propaganda war. Mr Gorbachev and President Reagan have their own distinctive reasons for portraying Reykjavik in as good a light as possible. The Soviet leader may need to convince his Kremlin colleagues that he was not foolish to go there. He will want to make sure the summit is not seen throughout the Soviet sphere of influence as the ploy that failed.

### Reagan mindful of polls and allies

He will wish to give west Europeans the feeling that an arms settlement would be within reach if only that straborn old man in Washington would give just a bit. He may even hope to induce Congress to cut back funding for SDI research by creating an assumption that the project will soon be smothered on the negotiating table anyway. Mr Reagan must have in mind both the mid-term elec-

### Geoffrey Smith

tions next month and his European allies. It will be easier for him to deal with both if he can maintain a spirit of hope. But what credence should be given to the various optimistic statements? When Mr Reagan says "we are closer than ever before to agreements that could lead to a safer world without nuclear weapons", the real question is whether the hyperbole is harmless. As a statement of fact, it is nonsense. Even if the Reykjavik package were to be modified to require no restrictions on SDI it would not hold out that prospect. The statement that the Reykjavik proposals remain on the table does not mean much. They were a package depending on a critical item unacceptable to the United States. Unless one side makes a major adjustment in its position, the package will continue to lie on the table. When Mr Viktor Karpov, the chief Soviet negotiator at the Geneva arms talks, says at

one moment, as he did in London on Tuesday, that they would be prepared to negotiate away all the Euro missiles without reference to SDI, and then at another moment hesitate to go that far, it is simply confusing. What then are the political realities beneath the whirlpool of words? The correct procedure must surely be to resume negotiations at expert level, with the Geneva arms talks the obvious forum. There might paradoxically be a case for another goodwill summit, like the first meeting at Geneva, simply to repair the damage at Reykjavik. But in present circumstances any summit that failed to produce a substantive agreement would probably be judged a failure and do more harm than good.

### Negotiated deal at lower level?

So it would probably be best to delay another summit until something has been negotiated at lower level on which the two leaders could put the seal. The best hope would seem to lie with intermediate-range missiles. Whether it would be possible to eliminate all of them from Europe without an agreement on SDI is doubtful. But it does not really matter. A number of European governments would quietly prefer to keep some Euro-missiles, as an assurance that the United States would remain linked to the defence of its allies. A more limited agreement on intermediate missiles would serve what is now the essential purpose: to keep the process of East-West negotiation going as calmly as possible, with neither explorer nor a new icy spirit of Reykjavik.



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# EEC report urges more growth stimulation to beat unemployment

From Richard Owen, Brussels

In a report which has a direct bearing on Britain's plans for tackling long-term unemployment in the EEC, the European Commission said yesterday that unemployment in Europe was at an unacceptably high level and that further growth had to be stimulated in the economies of the Twelve.

Herr Alois Pfeiffer, the Commissioner for Economic Affairs, said that the EEC faced an average unemployment rate of higher than 10 per cent by 1990.

The Commission's annual economic report said that policies implemented by member governments since the dramatic fall in oil prices - described as "the second oil shock" - had gone some way toward restoring the foundations of sounder growth. But the effects on unemployment were "working through only very slowly".

The report said that current

unemployment levels were intolerable but "far from inescapable" and forecast that balance of payments improvements resulting from falling energy prices would give the EEC "a unique opportunity which needs to be seized" next year and in 1988.

But it simultaneously gave a warning that the EEC's external trade could be depressed by further falls in the dollar, protectionism in America and Japan, a further shift in oil prices and a worsening of the situation in Third World economies.

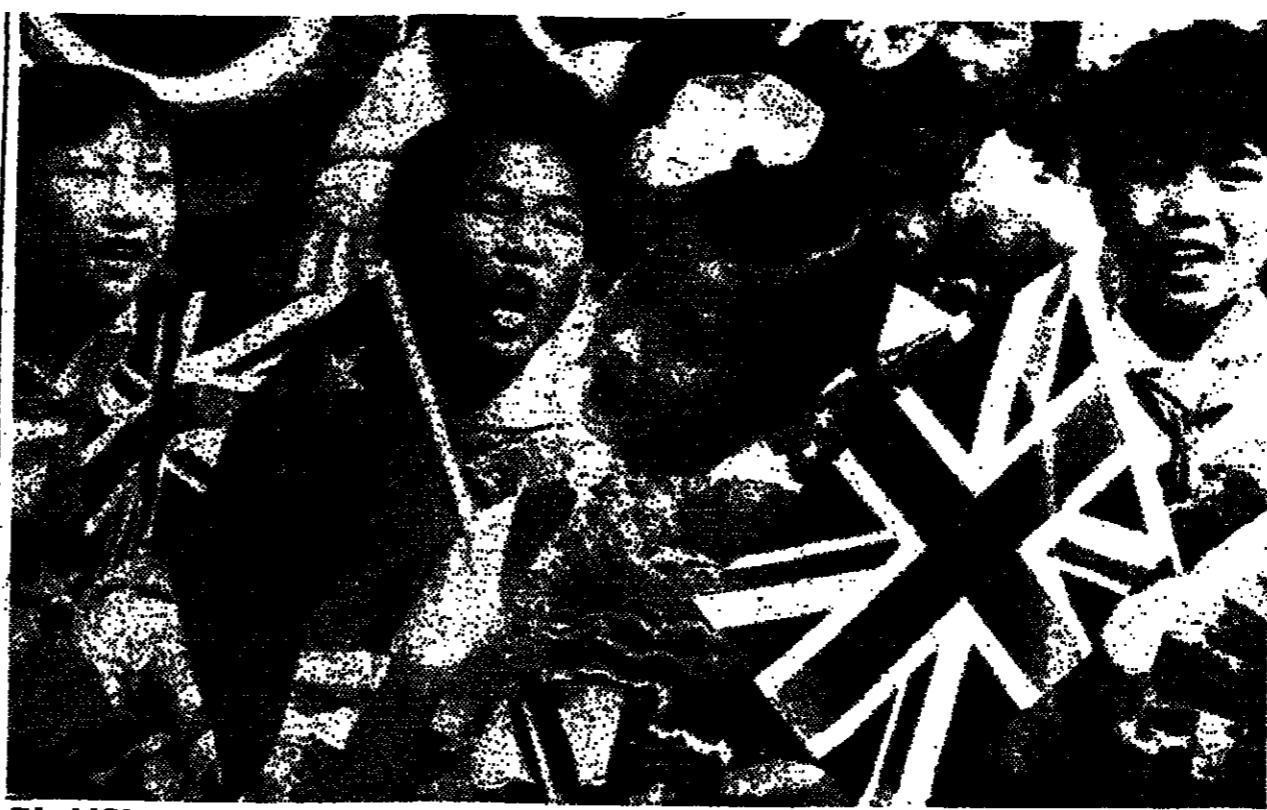
Under the British presidency of the EEC, until December, Mrs Thatcher has made a tackling long-term unemployment a top priority. Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Employment, has launched a plan which lays stress on liberalization of the labour market, a reduction of controls on businesses and stimulation of enterprise.

The British programme places much of the blame for unemployment on high wage settlements.

The Commission says that wages and income tax should be reduced in the medium term, but in the long term there had to be "moderate wages growth", a faster pace of business and public investment and a "social dialogue" with European unions.

The Commission asked member states to provide "concise reports" on their reduction of unemployment through growth by May next year.

It also gave a warning that although the EEC could expect an acceleration in real gross domestic product growth of 2.8 per cent next year, compared to 2.5 per cent this year, this was not on a scale likely to bring about "an appreciable and sustained fall in unemployment" unless joint effective action were taken.



Schoolchildren waving British and Chinese flags and singing traditional songs of welcome, above, as the Queen arrives in Shanghai; and the Queen's press secretary, Mr Michael Shea, below, being manhandled by a Chinese security man.



# Kinnock reaffirms nuclear position

Berlin (Reuters) - Mr Neil Kinnock the Labour Party leader, stood by his commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament in a news conference at the Berlin Wall yesterday and said that atomic weapons could not protect the city.

Mr Kinnock is visiting West Berlin before a meeting of Socialists and Social Democrats in Bonn today.

He dismissed criticism by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, that Labour's plans to scrap Britain's nuclear deterrent and remove US nuclear bases in Britain could endanger West Berlin.

"That man (Mr Tebbit) is so blocked up with propaganda that he is incapable of taking a clear sight of anything," Mr Kinnock said.

"We can't defend this city, or any nation or continent, with weapons that obliterate," he said.

He thought that a military balance was ensured by the high quality of Nato forces, and believed that stable relations with the Soviet Bloc could be achieved by talks and disarmament.

International agreements and the presence of some 12,000 US, British and French forces in West Berlin effectively guarantee the city's security, he said.

# Vranitsky campaigns with a plea for trust

Vienna - The Austrian Chancellor, Herr Franz Vranitsky, launched his Socialist Party's election campaign yesterday with an appeal for Austrians to trust in his financial acumen (Richard Bassett writes).

Herr Vranitsky, a former banker whose pin-stripes are unusual among Austrian politicians, is running as "the man Austria needs".

A dry-humoured professional with a relatively brief career in politics, he precipitated next month's general election by refusing to continue his party's coalition with the right-wing Freedom Party, which elected the pan-German nationalist, Herr Jorg Haider, as its leader.

# Swedish unions resume wage talks

Stockholm - Negotiations will resume today aimed at ending a complicated public-sector wages dispute which has disrupted life in Sweden for more than two weeks.

(Christopher Mosey writes). There are signs that at least two of the unions, which are demanding pay parity with private-sector workers, might be prepared to settle. One has

postponed scheduled strikes and another, representing 20,000 workers including merchant navy pilots, has contacted state mediators and asked for fresh talks.

# Six scientists share Nobel accolades

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

This year's Nobel Prize for Physics is shared between three scientists for two discoveries made a generation apart.

The oldest member of the trio, Professor Ernst Ruska of West Germany, is recognised for his fundamental work in electron optics and subsequent pioneering work with the first electron microscope.

Professor Ruska, who is 79, is head of the Fritz Haber Institute in West Berlin, which is part of the Max Planck Institute. He began to develop the electron microscope as a young student at the Berlin Technical University at the end of the 1920s.

He shares the prize with two younger physicists, both of whom are conducting research at the IBM laboratories at Zurich, in Switzerland.

Dr Gerd Binnig, aged 39, of West Germany, and Dr Heinrich Rohrer, 53, of Switzerland, discovered a way of improving the electron microscope by analysing new materials called the scanning tunnelling microscope.

The chemistry prize is also shared by three scientists, all from North America.

Their achievements were in separate research, but all gave

an understanding of how chemical reactions occur.

The award went to Professor Dudley Herschbach, of Harvard University; Professor Yuan Tseh Lee, who was born in Taiwan, of Berkeley University; and Professor John Polanyi, of the University of Toronto.

All three have helped to overcome the problems of how to observe the intimate processes between molecules during reactions.

Professor Herschbach, aged 54, has been professor of chemistry at Harvard since 1963.

Professor Yuan Tseh Lee, aged 49, is head of the Department of Chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley.

Professor Polanyi, aged 57, was born in Berlin and took his doctorate in Manchester, England, in 1952. He became professor of chemistry at Toronto in 1962.



Professor Ruska: work on the electron microscope



Professor Polanyi, who took his PhD in Manchester.

# Taiwan plans an end to martial law

Taipei (Reuters) - Taiwan's ruling Kuomintang Party said yesterday that its top policy-making body had approved plans to lift martial law, which has been in force on the island since 1949, when the Nationalist Government retreated there.

The proposal also calls for lifting the ban on political parties if they observe three principles: respect for the constitution, support for the government's anti-communist policy, and renunciation of the outlawed Taiwan Independence Movement.

# Suicide by second wife of Picasso

Paris - Jacqueline Picasso, aged 60, second wife and last companion of the painter, Pablo Picasso, committed suicide yesterday by shooting herself in the head at her home in Mougins. She had no children (Diana Geddes writes).

Friends said she had been depressed for some time. Picasso, whom she married in 1961, died 13 years ago.

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El Salvador earthquake aftermath

Hope fading as water and heat smother last chances

From Paul Valley San Salvador

It was as if by an unspoken consensus that the rescuers yesterday gave up hope of finding anyone else alive in the distorted rubble of the city centre in San Salvador.

For some, there were specific reasons. At the Reuben Dario shopping and office complex, which was the site of the single largest number of deaths, an intense fire yesterday ripped the innards of the building, its five storeys collapsed like a grotesque layer cake, the lines of the red floors virtually intact but the walls which once separated them compacted into crumbling brown concrete.

The smoke and heat have been tremendous. We had to pump 60,000 gallons of water into the building. There seems little chance that anyone buried in there could have survived. Senior Gustavo Escalante, the Salvadoran Government engineer responsible for work on the site, said:

About 1,500 people were said to be in the complex at the time of the earthquake. Only 100 have been rescued, the last of them pulled from beneath the gigantic slabs of concrete on Monday night.

"We have removed about 100 cadavers. We can see many more, but it is dan-

gerous to get to them. Our crane cannot lift entire sections. So we have to work slowly, breaking up sections before they can be lifted," Senior Escalante said.

A quiet demoralisation had set in among local and international rescue teams. There was still one sniffer dog roaming the debris of the Ministry of Planning building in search of any sign of life, but it had not found anything all day. Beneath the four floors of the building, which lies compressed like exposed geological strata, the rubble was now solid, Senior Antonio Barraza, the chief rescue engineer, said.

Early sounds of life detected at the weekend by French rescue team dogs had disappeared. The sun in which the rescuers toiled with shovels, sledge-hammers and their bare hands was hot and underlined the virtual impossibility of anyone having survived without water for five days in these temperatures.

There was even more despondency in the shanty town of Santa Maria, where the focus of the rescue effort has now shifted. Yesterday the international teams were working with a feverish urgency on a hillside where a landslide buried 40 families in flimsy wooden shacks.

Some 100 people are said by officials to have been entombed there when thousands of tons of mud slipped down the mountainside and engulfed the little community. The landslide happened at the time of the earthquake, but has been discovered only recently because the area was cut off when its only access road slipped down the steep ravine.

A farmer who was working on the slopes of Mount San Jacinto said: "I was weeding my tomato plants when suddenly there was a noise. It was a strong noise, like a big beast

Part of the little mountainside community in which he lived had gone. Teams of Spanish firemen worked long and hard on the precarious mountain slope yesterday. "We have not recovered any bodies today. It is very difficult to work here, because it is just mud and there is a great possibility of a cave-in. There is not much chance of anyone being alive, because what fell on them was mud and the houses were very weak. Before long we may have to stop working by hand and start using machinery," the chief fire officer, Senior Luis Villarreal, from Madrid, said. He looked weary and demoralised after his fruitless day's labour.

Now the Government and organizers of the international relief effort are turning their attention to the plight of the tens of thousands of people who are living, many of them without food or shelter, on pavements and in city parks.

President Duarte yesterday defended his Government from accusations that it was not doing enough for these people. "The first stage of the operation has been to rescue people. The second stage is to deal with these problems."

Responding to criticism that the 50,000-strong Salvadoran Army had not responded adequately, he said: "They have made transport available and done everything they could, but they also have the security of the country to protect."

Salvadoran officials fear that the civil war ceasefire announced by the rebels will be used to make secret incursions into the capital and to consolidate their position in other parts of the country.



Boycott assures Ershad's election

Police searching a passer-by in Dhaka during yesterday's election for a civilian president for Bangladesh. Security precautions were stepped up as a result of a boycott of the election by the two main opposition alliances and fears of violence. A general strike called by the oppo-

sition meant that the streets of Dhaka were virtually deserted (Reuters reports). President Ershad predicted that half of the country's 48 million electorate would vote. Because of the boycott, he is assured of victory. The President, who deposed an elected civilian government

in a military coup in 1982, faced 11 opponents, most of them obscure. There was little reported violence and disruption, other than numerous explosions of small firework-type bombs and the stoning of the few motorists who defied the call for a general strike.

No Peking joy for Russian minister

From Robert Gries Peking

Mr Igor Rogachov, the Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, returned to Moscow yesterday with little to show for several days of Sino-Soviet normalization talks. "The issues are impossible to solve in one session," he said before leaving. Mr Qian Qichen, the Chinese deputy Foreign Minister, observed: "We haven't detected any change in the Soviet position."

China and the Soviet Union broke off their close relationship in the 1960s over ideological differences. Since resuming talks, China has maintained that Soviet support for the Vietnamese in Cambodia, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the deployment of military divisions along their common border all stand in the way of normalizing relations.

The Russians remain vitally interested in China's economic reforms, and Mr Rogachov visited the port city of Xiamen, in Fujian province, during his stay. Moscow was reportedly angry that Mr Rogachov's visit was overshadowed by that of Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary. His warm reception by China's top leaders made clear that, at this stage of superpower relations, Peking prefers to talk to Washington about arms sales.

Perhaps for that reason, a Soviet communiqué on Mr Rogachov's visit will be released from Moscow rather than from Peking, Soviet officials here said yesterday. Nevertheless, Moscow and Peking did make progress on the continuation of border talks, which were broken off seven years ago after the invasion of Afghanistan and which are now scheduled to resume next February.

Kalamata refugees can go home

From Mario Modiano Athens

People left homeless by the earthquakes that killed 20 people and devastated the southern Greek port of Kalamata a month ago were told by the authorities on Tuesday

that it is safe to return to undamaged homes. Dr Ioannis Drakopoulos, the seismology professor advising the Government, said: "The critical period is largely over. No major earthquake is anticipated, and the chances of a strong after-shock have

diminished by nine-tenths. Greek seismologists, fearing that the weak geological sequence after the earthquakes on September 13 and 15 betrayed a build-up of energy, urged the Government to ban access to Kalamata's 8,500 residential buildings.

Assad reaffirms support for Iran

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards has ended a visit to Damascus confident that President Assad still intends to support Iran until it defeats Iraq in the Gulf War.

According to the Islamic Republic News Agency in Tehran, the President reaffirmed Syria's strategic alliance with Iran in his conversations with Mr Mohsen Rafiq Doost, the Guards' commander, thus removing doubts cast by Mr Assad's statement earlier this month that Syria would not accept the occupation of Iraqi territory.

If the Iranian report is true and there had been no comparable statement from the Syrian news agency yesterday, then President Assad has resigned himself to the possibility that Iran will not only bring about the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq but might also occupy Iraq.

There were rumours in Beirut that Mr Rafiq Doost had also discussed the American and French hostages in Lebanon during his conversations with President Assad, although he said only that he had "maintained contacts between two friendly nations and exchanged important information".

Air-India jumbo was 'crippled'

Delhi (Reuters)

An official inquiry into the crash of an Air-India jumbo jet off Ireland last year showed that the pilots did their best to save the aircraft: even after an explosion crippled its emergency systems, the Press Trust of India news agency reported yesterday.

It said that a report by Judge B N Kirpal of the Delhi High Court found that the blast might have damaged the oxygen system and cut off air to the pilots, who had put on oxygen masks.

The report into the crash in June 1985, which killed all 329 people aboard, has not been made public. It was handed over to the Government in February. But the agency said it had obtained excerpts.

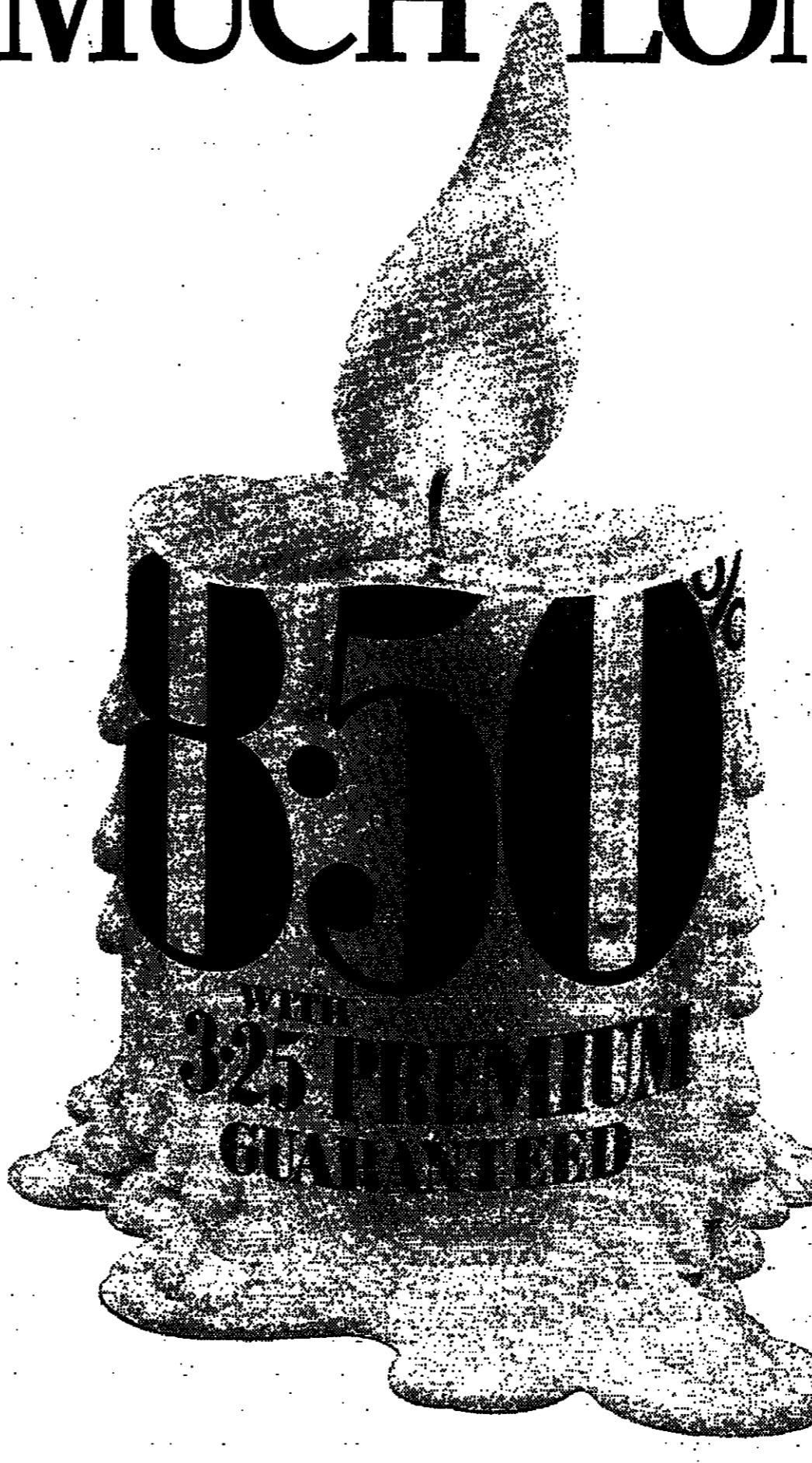
The judge is said to have blamed the crash on a bomb in the jet's forward cargo hold. Two militant Sikh organizations claimed responsibility.

The report said that ruptures to the jet's forward area and damage to its hydraulic and control systems created uncontrollable conditions.

Indian and foreign investigators suggested no external blow to the plane, the judge said, and US space officials had confirmed that there was no space debris in the vicinity that day.

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# Barcelona fears that explosions will hurt bid for Olympics

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Jordi Pujol, the Chief Minister of Catalonia, flew to Lausanne yesterday from Barcelona, concerned that Tuesday night's car-bomb attack, which killed a Spanish policeman and was blamed on ETA, might damage his city's candidacy for the 1992 Olympic Games.

Señor Julian San Cristobal, Spain's Director of State Security, blamed ETA and admitted that Barcelona police had been on a special alert. "It is very difficult to forestall these attacks," he observed.

Catalonia was shaken by the bomb's possible impact on the International Olympic Committee's decision, which is to be taken less than 72 hours after the attack.

Five other cities - Paris, Birmingham, Belgrade, Brisbane and Amsterdam - are also seeking to host the Games.

Señor Pascual Maragall, the Mayor of Barcelona, already in Lausanne, told the Chief Minister by telephone of his fears of a possible linkage.

It was the second violent attack in the Catalan capital in less than a month, the other being on Civil Guards travel-

ling in a bus in an area of the city where the Olympic village is projected.

The Basque separatist organization claimed responsibility for this attack, in which no one was killed.

All of Catalonia's political parties condemned the attack and said that Terra Lliure ("Free Country"), a Catalan independence group, had no genuine representation.

The car bomb went off at a busy time in Barcelona's second most important square, not far from the exhibition halls where the Olympics candidacy office is placed.

Terra Lliure had earlier claimed responsibility for a bomb which damaged the premises of a bank helping to finance the Olympics campaign. The movement claims that the Olympics would threaten an influx of Spanish influences and lessen the region's identity.

Various Catalan ecological groups have protested peacefully against the Games, arguing that scarce resources would be diverted from, for instance, the community's socially more pressing needs.

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# Car clues may point to Bonn terrorists

From John England Bonn

A government memorial service for a senior West German official shot by two Red Army Faction terrorists last week was held in Bonn yesterday as police examined the abandoned getaway car for clues to the killers.

The car, a red Opel Kadett, was found in a quiet street in a Bonn suburb on Tuesday less than two miles from where Dr Gerold von Braunmühl, aged 51, chief of the Foreign Ministry's political department, was murdered.

The vehicle carried false number plates different from those noted by an eyewitness to the attack last Friday night outside Dr von Braunmühl's home in the suburb of Ippendorf. The official's briefcase, smeared with blood and marked by a bullet, was found on the back seat.

Police are hoping that clues to the identity of the two attackers will emerge from forensic examinations.

Chancellor Kohl, Cabinet ministers and the diplomatic corps attended the service in Bonn's Beethovenhalle, where Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, paid tribute to his former aide.

The murder was the Red Army Faction's first attack on a leading political figure in Bonn.



Mrs Jihan Sadat, widow of the assassinated President of Egypt, showing a sweatshirt she was given at Radford University, Virginia, to mark her doctorate from Cairo University. She will lecture on women in the Third World.

# North Carolina Senate poll

## Gentlemen of the old school forgo vitriol for temperance

From Christopher Thomas, Raleigh, North Carolina

Two years after one of the greatest election upsets in American history, North Carolina remains in the grip of an unremitting hangover. It is groaning towards election day without flair or fight, its Senate candidates both sick-bellied, courtly Southern gentlemen whose campaigns are stupefyingly dull.

The spirit was drained and the vitriol all used up in the most expensive and arguably most vicious Senate battle of all time. Senator Jesse Helms, the ultra-right Republican, sided by more than \$20 million, won.

The two men seeking North Carolina's other Senate seat in the mid-term election on November 4 are comfortably conservative, but hardly in the rightist hellfire category of Senator Helms.

Indeed, their temperate language is quite unbelievably un-American for such a high-stakes political prize. Mr Terry Sanford, the soft-spoken Democratic contender, a retired University teacher, says adamantly that he will not say nasty things about his rival.

He wants to show young people that politics "is not a dirty game." No wonder a local newspaper cartoon showed the candidates on stage holding microphones gone limp from boredom.

Senator James Broyhill, the

Republican, has served North Carolina quietly and diligently for 23 years in the House of Representatives. He is one of the favourites of the Reagan Administration.

He acquired his Senate seat by governor's decree five days after the suicide on July 3 of Senator John East, the previous incumbent, who had planned to retire when his term ended. He had used crutches or a wheelchair from the age of 24 because of polio and a suicide note mentioned health problems.

With his death the deep electoral gloom grew gloomier. On Monday, after a specific debate between the candidates

The worn-out Democratic Party is aware that it faces a tough task against such name recognition. The election will be an important indicator of the staying power of Republican gains made in the state on President Reagan's count.

The governor's office, both US Senate seats and five of the state's 11-member delegation to the House of Representatives are held by Republicans.

Mr Sanford, upon Democratic fortunes now rest, is a former governor, a name older folks remember, the first of the "new South" governors to invest heavily in education.

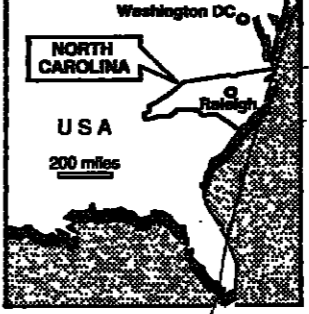
Ironically, that very programme of education has helped substantially to bring about some important demographic changes that now are working against the Democrats. This was traditionally one of the most blue-collar states in the union, immutably set in its religious, right-wing ways.

But while 48,000 of its textile jobs and 17,000 of its family farms (20 per cent of the total) have disappeared in the past six years of the Reagan era, unemployment has been held to a moderate 5 per cent because of a buoyant new economy built on service, technology and information.

The suburbs of cities like Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Durham and Raleigh are new Republican bases. The Yuppies have invaded.

North Carolina changed little, because it never had large-scale immigration. People tended to go to more on-the-map places like Tennessee, Virginia and Mississippi.

The descendants of the original English and Scots-Irish are still here, but in less than a decade dramatic economic changes have occurred, throwing the political scene into turmoil and exposing yet another Democratic fortress to Republican invasion.



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on state-wide television, The Raleigh Times could not stir itself beyond the amazingly weary front-page headline: "Debates effects slight, Broyhill and Sanford agree".

Earlier there had been a reasonably spirited Republican primary fight between Mr Broyhill and a super-right Helms protégé who, despite the mighty Helms money machine, was thrashed. The reason, simply, is that Broyhill is a name to reckon with in North Carolina.

He is the 58-year-old son of a famous North Carolina furniture manufacturing family, and his battles in the House on behalf of the beleaguered textile industry are well respected, even if they were not altogether victorious.

# Final stage at last for aliens Bill

From Mohsin Ali Washington

US Senate and House of Representatives negotiators have agreed on a major revision of American immigration laws aimed at stemming the flood of millions of illegal aliens into the country.

The landmark Bill provides amnesty for illegal aliens who came to the United States before 1982 and civil and criminal penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens.

The measure was sent back to the Democrat-controlled House and the Republican-majority Senate for final consideration this week.

According to official estimates there may be as many as 12 million aliens living in the US illegally, and six million more attempt to enter each year.

Congress has worked sporadically on immigration revision for about 15 years, urged on by President Reagan in the past three years. But a divided Senate and House have scuppered all previous Bills in their final days.

The main elements of the compromise Bill are:

- A ban on the hiring of illegal aliens. For a first offence, employers would be subject to a civil penalty of \$250 to \$2,000 (£175-1,400) for each illegal alien hired. For a "pattern or practice" of violations, there would be criminal penalties, up to a \$3,000 fine and six months in prison.
- An employer would have to ask all job applicants for documents such as passport or birth certificate and driving licence to confirm that they were either citizens or aliens authorized to work in the United States.
- Illegal aliens who entered the US before January 1, 1982, and have lived there ever since may obtain legal status. The Federal Government would provide \$1 billion a year for four years to reimburse state agencies for the cost of supplying public assistance or other benefits to such aliens.
- If there is a shortage of seasonal farm workers, the Government could admit additional aliens in the financial years 1990-1993.
- A ban on employment discrimination based on national origin. Many Hispanic groups have opposed the Bill, fearing that it would lead to job discrimination against Hispanics who are citizens or legal residents of the United States.

# Martens gets time for talks

From Richard Owen Brussels

Mr Wilfried Martens, the embattled Belgian Prime Minister, was yesterday busily engaged in behind-the-scenes manoeuvring to try to patch up his ruling Centre Right coalition and avoid a government collapse.

On Tuesday, he offered his resignation to King Baudouin after having failed to resolve apparently irreconcilable coalition differences over revived linguistic divisions between Belgians, Dutch and French-speaking populations.

The King has postponed his decision on whether to accept the resignation, and is not expected to make an announcement until the weekend.

This gives Mr Martens time to "knoek some sense" into warring Flemish and Franco-phone members of his four-party coalition, of one commentator put it.

There is a widespread feeling here that the language row, which arose because of the dismissal of French-speaking mayor who refuses to use Dutch, has been blown up out of proportion and need not bring down Mr Martens.

He is Belgium's longest-serving prime minister since World War Two and a symbol of political stability in a country previously noted for fragile coalitions.

By the dismissed mayor, Mr José Happart, has succeeded in creating a national crisis and reviving dormant prejudices.

Although there has so far been none of the violence which marred Belgian politics in the 1970s, Flemish and French-speaking politicians are now so much at daggers drawn that a compromise may prove elusive.

Political observers are concerned that if Mr Martens does fall the Belgian franc will be affected and the economy suffer.



Mr Martens: coalition threatened with collapse.

# Expo £156m in the red

Ottawa - Expo 86, the World's Fair in Vancouver, British Columbia, has closed on a high note and with a high deficit (John Best writes).

Sunday's record attendance of 341,000 raised the total number of visitors to the 516-month fair to 22,111,978 more than half as much again as organizers forecast.

But Expo lost an estimated \$Can311 million (£166 mil-

lion) or expenditure of \$Can1.6 billion. The shortfall is to be financed by lottery funds. Controversy had begun to dog the exposition even before it officially opened by the Prince of Wales early in May.

Critics said that the money would better be spent on meeting pressing social needs in fields such as education, health and housing.

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# Gandhi says Britain is 'clearly racist' over strict entry requirement

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, yesterday accused Britain of racism after the imposition of strict entry requirements for people from the Indian subcontinent.

He said that the steps taken by Britain were "very clearly racist", and he saw it as an extension of racist policies, "which they are expounding in South Africa".

Mr Gandhi said that he found no fault with Australia's treatment of what he termed "backward" aborigines, but denounced Britain's introduction of visa restrictions for Indian citizens, which he said was "clearly racist".

Mr Gandhi is in Australia to renew his friendship with Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, which was forged during Commonwealth summits at which both countries unsuccessfully pressed Mrs Thatcher to adopt sanctions against South Africa.

Their talks in Canberra

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

yesterday covered economic links, which both countries say have been neglected, and are expected to lead to trade and technology agreements.

There was no sign that Mr Gandhi's hosts were embarrassed by his reference to Aborigines as "backward", though it is a statement that not even the most conservative Australian politician would utter.

Mr Gandhi, asked if he thought Australia's treatment of Aborigines amounted to apartheid, replied: "Every country has a problem with certain groups of population which are much more backward than the average level of population."

"We ourselves in India have many tribal groups which are very backward."

"I have no doubt that Australia will be up to the challenge of bringing Aborigines into modern life while preserving their identity."

Mr Gandhi criticized the US Star Wars programme, saying that it was not viable and would open up more dangerous areas than it offered solutions. "We feel it is not going to help in reductions, but it will help in the escalation of the arms race."

"There are many question marks about the whole programme, and the danger of putting it into force without first overcoming these arguments will give the impression that a certain protection level exists," he said.

"Any time there is such a feeling of confidence in the protection levels it will increase the chances of having an inadvertent or perhaps deliberate nuclear situation."

Security for Mr Gandhi's visit is said to have been unprecedented in Australia. When he flew to Sydney yesterday afternoon he was met by about 50 Sikhs chanting "Terrorist Rajiv Gandhi".



Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, watched by Mr Bob Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia, receiving flowers from a girl in Canberra as he leaves to fly to Sydney.

# Africans try again to re-open trade lanes shut by wars

From A Correspondent, Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, and President Kaunda of Zambia met at the border town of Victoria Falls yesterday for further talks on the threat to their vital trade links posed by rebellions in Angola and Mozambique.

They are due to meet President Mobutu of Zaire at the weekend in an attempt to enlist his help against South African-supported UNITA rebels in Angola who have severed the rail link between the Zambian copperbelt and the Atlantic port of Benguela.

Like President Banda of Malawi, who has been accused of helping the right-wing Mozambique Resistance Movement (Renamo) rebels, President Mugabe denies giving refuge to UNITA, but he is geographically better placed to oppose the frontline states in any confrontation.

Mozambique has moved its Soviet-supplied missiles up to the Malawi border and threatens a blockade in retaliation for an upsurge in the civil war created by a mass movement of Renamo last week from Malawian territory.

President Mugabe does not follow President Banda's line in maintaining open diplomatic links with South Africa, but his pro-western foreign policy and recognition

of Israel puts him out of step with more militant states such as Zimbabwe.

With Mr Mugabe at the Victoria Falls meeting were his Foreign Minister, Dr Witness Mangwede, and deputy Minister of Transport, Mrs Amina Hughes.

Zimbabwe maintains a large force of troops in Mozambique in support of the latest British security force, which is only just coming into use with British forces, to be supplied to a crack unit of the Mozambique Army as part of a £1.6 million order, according to *Jane's Defence Weekly* (Our Foreign Staff writes).

President Machel's Government forces along the strategic "Beira corridor".

All six frontline leaders met in Maputo at the weekend to discuss the mounting security crisis in Mozambique, which they blame on increased clandestine support by South Africa for Renamo and attempt to establish them in new bases in Malawi.

The allegation is denied strongly by President Banda's officials. They say that their only action has been to repatriate deserters from President Machel's forces, with the complete knowledge of his Government.

# 21 killed in Bihar revenge murders

From Kuldip Nayyar, Delhi

In fact there has been a running battle between the landed aristocracy and the extreme-left Naxalites (Marxist-Leninists), for weeks. The landlords have a standing army, called the *Bhumi Sena* (Land Army), which the Naxalites oppose with their *Lal Sena* (Red Army). Members of both armies have been killed in recent clashes. Police generally remain silent because they are afraid of reprisal by the left-wingers. On

Tuesday a group of 40 extremists captured two officers and eight policemen whose fate is not yet known. Police have scores of outposts in Naxalite territory, most of them easy targets for extremists.

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# Time of transition in Colombia

## Barco plans a fresh style of politics

From Geoffrey Matthews Bogota

President Barco once served, by all accounts very happily, as Colombia's Ambassador in London.

Now, more than two months after he took up residence in the Narino presidential palace here, Bogota will joke that Colombia is in a state of transition from its traditional "imperial presidency" — satirically likened to the British monarchy — to Westminster-style parliamentary democracy.

Potentially far-reaching and healthy changes are afoot in the political life of South America's most durable, if imperfect, functioning democracy. But so far it is proving a bumpy ride.

"The country seems to be lacking either Colombian-style presidential leadership or the advantages of an established parliamentary system," says Vazquez Carrizosa, a former foreign minister who has himself served as Ambassador to Britain.

Such an identity crisis was perhaps inevitable since political skills have never been the strong suit of the new President, a technocrat, even though he has embarked on the bold political gamble of steering Colombia back to full pluralistic democracy amid continued subversion and the poverty which fuels it.

His all-Party Government marks an historic break from the past, ending almost 30

years of various equations of coalition rule under a pact called the National Front, designed to heal the sectarian hatreds which erupted in undeclared civil war between Liberals and Conservatives in the 1950s, a national nightmare of senseless bloodletting in which an estimated 300,000 people perished.

The new-style politics have spawned a rash of humorous analogies with Britain. It is noted that neither President Barco nor his wife, an essentially private couple, is disposed to cast as what one commentator calls "our country's royal couple, constantly visiting hospitals and hippodromes."

But unfortunately now does the Interior Minister, Señor Fernando Cepeda, an urbane intellectual, appear happily cast as the *de facto* Prime Minister in a Congress

increasingly likened to the House of Commons at its most raucous.

In some astonishingly unruly scenes, he has found himself under fire (and the butt of acerbic jokes comparing him to "La Thatcher") from rebellious factions of the Liberal Party as well as "Her Majesty's loyal opposition", as the Conservatives are now dubbed, having declined President Barco's reluctant, but constitutionally necessary, offer of token participation in the Government.

Instead, the "Godos", as the Conservatives are popularly known, are busily preparing a previously-unknown institution here, "an *gabinete en la sombra*" (shadow cabinet).

Señor Vazquez notes with pointed irony: "All we lack now in the new scheme of government/opposition is a motion censuring the administration on a question of confidence."

In fact, not everyone shares Señor Barco's own confidence that Colombia is ready for one-party government, even though he won power as a result of the biggest electoral landslide in history.

The trauma of "la violencia", as the 1950s conflict was known, remains deeply scarred on the national psyche, and there are fears that the old sectarianism could rear its ugly head again.

Such fears have hardly been alleviated by an incident in the second-largest city, Medellin, in which the local depart-



President Barco, taking a bold gamble

# Draft constitution handed to Aquino

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The draft of a new Philippine constitution was signed and presented yesterday to President Aquino who described it as "the framework of a house of democracy".

The historic 15-minute ceremony at the now-defunct National Assembly chamber brought the formal end of the four-month life of the Constitutional Commission, the authors of the document.

If it is approved in a plebiscite set tentatively for January 23, local, provincial and Congressional elections will be held in May to return the country to full democracy after 20 years of autocratic rule by Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the former president, now in exile in Hawaii.

"Democracy is safe with this constitution," Mrs Aquino said in a five-minute speech in which she thanked the 41 men and six women commissioners for their "great investment of time and energy".

"With this constitution we have the framework of a house of democracy that we hope to build, a house worthy of the great collective act that made it possible," she said, referring

to the four-day civilian-backed revolt that installed her in office in February 1986.

Since the demise of the Marcos regime, Mrs Aquino has been ruling by means of a provisional "freedom" constitution replacing the martial law constitution drawn up in 1973.

The draft fixes a six-year term for Mrs Aquino and restores an American-style bicameral system of government, abolished when Mr Marcos imposed martial law in 1972. It includes a 24-member Senate and a 200-member House of Representatives.

Included in the 18 articles is an expanded bill of rights, a six-year presidential term without re-election, and abolition of the death penalty.

To prevent a repetition of Mr Marcos's eight-year martial law regime, the draft constitution allows the President to impose martial law for no longer than 60 days unless approved by Congress, which is also empowered to revoke martial law at any time.

Most observers predict that the Filipino people will approve the new charter.

# River race may heal Asia rift

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

Boat races on Saturday along the Mekong River, which forms the border between Thailand and Laos, may prepare the way for better relations between the countries after 10 years of hostility.

The races, which have not been rowed recently because of border disputes and other arguments. The Laotian decision to send six boats and 300 rowers, men and women, is seen by Thai officials as a green light for senior-level talks on all issues dividing the two governments.

In another friendly gesture the Laotians will send a delegation to the middle of the Mekong River tomorrow, when they will exchange gifts, food and drink with the Thais to mark the end of Buddhist Lent.

Both governments have recently moved towards restoring normal relations.

Thai and Laotian ministers met at the United Nations to arrange for senior officials to meet in Vientiane later this month.

mentally governor — a notorious Liberal Party hack whose appointment has been criticized widely — allegedly threatened the life of a Conservative journalist. The Attorney General has ordered an investigation into the affair.

But it is the left-wing Union Patriótica (UP) which feels most threatened by simmering political violence. The UP emerged from a series of ceasefire pacts agreed between the previous government and the nation's biggest subversive group, the Moscow-line Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

With a tiny but significant representation in Congress, the UP regards itself as the only legitimate opposition to an establishment represented by the two main parties which have long been ideologically indistinguishable.

Recently, two of its congressmen were assassinated, victims — claims the UP — of paramilitary death squads working in league with the armed forces.

Meanwhile, Señor Barco, whose distaste for public appearances has led to him being tagged the "invisible" and "hermitic" president, is preparing ambitious urban and agrarian reform programmes to attack the "absolute poverty" whose eradication is his declared priority.

Longer term, he believes that goal is the only way to achieve political stability, not only in Colombia but in Latin America as a whole.

# Island ban on Soviet tuna fleet

From Reuters

The South Pacific island state of Kiribati has banned Soviet tuna boats from fishing in its 200-mile exclusive economic zone after the expiry of a one-year agreement, a government spokesman said yesterday.

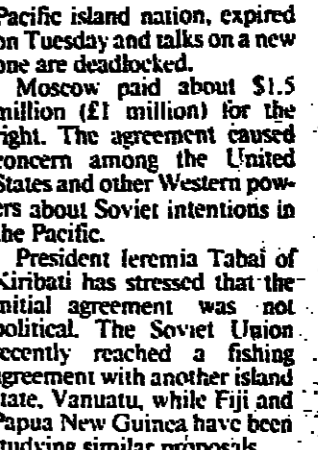
He understood that three Soviet boats were in the area. They would be asked to leave if they did not go voluntarily.

The fishing agreement, Moscow's first with any South

Pacific island nation, expired on Tuesday and talks on a new one are deadlocked.

Moscow paid about \$1.5 million (£1 million) for the right. The agreement caused concern among the United States and other Western powers about Soviet intentions in the Pacific.

President Ieremia Tabai of Kiribati has stressed that the initial agreement was not political. The Soviet Union recently reached a fishing agreement with another island state, Vanuatu, while Fiji and Papua New Guinea have been studying similar proposals.



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THE ARTS

Walking back to happiness

In 1934, Patrick Leigh Fermor set off through Europe on foot. The sequel to his classic book about the journey is published today. He talks to Nicholas Shakespeare about it

appointment?" he asks, emerging from the telephone box in White's. He looks in his diary and finds the scrawl "Francis Bacon, 6.30". Deciding this is either a flight of heretical fancy or a slip of the memory, he hails a waiter. "A cup of tea - or can I get you something serious?"

He is old-fashioned and twinkling and shy, and speaks, as he writes, in scribbles. "Rather", he says, or "wonderful", as he leans back to bellow with laughter, hoping one will not ask him why he writes so slowly or so little. "I was terrified of getting it wrong, of forgetting the people who did marvellous things. It was awfully important to get it right, to breathe it back to life."

"I rewrite like anything, chopping and pruning and mucking about till I like the sound of it. Then I read aloud to Joan (his wife) or anyone I can buttonhole. It's important to see how it sounds."

The waiter returns with a tray of tea and something serious. "I was very backed by the fact people seemed to think I'd hit the nail on the head."

What has helped him remember this season of great delights, of Central Europe before the war, is the return of his green, faded notebook. "I was staying with great friends in Moldavia when war broke out and left it behind. When they had to make a forced domicile to the Carpathians, they packed everything up, saw my pencilled manuscript and shoved it in a suitcase."

Though he had already begun

writing, the diary unblurred much about his 4934 journey. It was a journey he had embarked on after his expulsion from King's Canterbury for holding hands with the "sonnet-beguiling" daughter of the local greengrocer. With a book of verse, a pound a week from his father and a vow to accept "no lifts except in vile weather", Leigh Fermor intended to live like a tramp and wandering scholar.

When asked the reason for his travels by some gypsies on a remote Carpathian shelf, he replied "For fun".

His new book continues his dawdle down the Danube, on to a horse over the Great Hungarian Plain and into Transylvania along a road built by an early member of the Travellers Club. And always, as he meditates on plains swirling with dust-devils or ringing with cuckoo, a procession of figures suddenly wanders across his page. Monocled sabre-riders. Magyars, khans like Krump who drank from the Emperor Nicephorus's skull or Vlad whose lifelong foible was impaling. Then in a shake of his head it is back to the cornfields with their manor houses "harbouring over-civilized boyars up to their ears in Proust and Mallarmé".

To read Leigh Fermor is to savour a Manueline mixture of Dornford Yates, Proust and Alain-Fournier. From this lost world, he can recall the shine on the scalp of a bald diplo-

matist, the score of a bike-polo game played against the walls of an ochre country house, and his rapt infatuation with a married girl called Angela whom he waved off at the station of Deva, one of Romania's more remote towns.

Calling the waiter again, he admits he has not written to her. "Too much of a plunge into the past." But he had heard how, forced to share a house with an absolutely horrid woman, Angela had hot-bloodedly picked up a knife and stabbed her.

Other demons have invaded this country-dwelling world. The "swanky houses" where he stayed are now used by road gangs to store their steam-rollers, or by the state as lunatic asylums. Returning to one after the war, "I shimmied up the wall, went in among the inmates, beamed a bit and got into the old bedrooms". He repeated this experience in two other houses. At the third he was invited in for tea by the asylum's doctor.

Sipping his tea in White's, he laments they do not sing much in Romania any more - "It's not that kind of mood". Marinated in the old songs and moods, he shudders at the disco in his Greek valley which "has put the whole landscape out of action".

Alert to these changes, he immerses himself further in the past. Proudly patting his waistcoat ("I completely change shape in London: I become spherical"), he tells how the year before last he swam the Hellespont. Watched from a small boat by his wife, "who sat on her hands in order not to wring them", and swimming a very un-Byronic sidestroke. Leigh Fermor avoided a Romanian liner and landed in Europe two hours and 55 minutes later. "It was the longest", he boasts, "that anyone had ever taken."

Peeking West

In a schedule reminiscent of many a BBC summer season the Chinese after during the Cultural Revolution consisted of the same three films and eight revolutionary operas repeated over and over again. *Behind the Bamboo Screen* (BBC7) examined how, mirroring the spirit of reform, Chinese television is today exposing an ancient culture to modern Western values.

The snippets we were given conveyed an enjoyable innocence, concerned with protecting and popularizing this culture, rather than a sophisticated package of entertainment. The forces sweetheart of the People's Liberation Army yodelled out a popular number, a young third on remand from Shanghai Borsari sang of his remorse for past deeds (donating his third prize to the prison orchestra) and a girl sang of her love for a weed - "strictly botanical" as reporter David Jessel added.

Less botanical were the weeds who turned up in *The Trouble with Sex* (BBC2), an excruciating series devoted to therapy sessions for couples "without much luck in the love-making department".

TELEVISION

Last week we watched a married couple touch each other after a shower. This week we witnessed a seminar of doctors relating exactly what they had told their patients - and learning in the process how to nod and swallow sympathetically. "We're dealing with a vast area of human distress," said the organiser of this psycho-sexual seminar, but it is hard to see how such a coy, embarrassing film can have illuminated a territory which remains desperately unexplored.

Like a drink which turns out to be spiked, *The Life and Loves of a She Devil* (BBC2), leaves an unpleasantly bitter taste in the mouth. Adapted from Fay Weldon's novel, this potion of love and revenge is luxuriously cryptic and witty.

Dennis Waterman shuffles about like a trainee knitwear salesman, Patricia Hodge flares her delicious, horsey nose and, in the deliberately brassy title role (to the tune of "Warm love gone cold") Julie T. Wallace teaches old ladies how to play frisks.

Nicholas Shakespeare

DANCE

Susan Marshall ICA

Three things make Susan Marshall's programme for Dance Umbrella at the ICA especially interesting. First, she actually lets her company dance - something that has been out of fashion lately with too many new choreographers.

Secondly, although she makes use of virtuoso dance steps at times (for example, Guillermo Resto's jumps with his hands grabbing the front foot and holding it till he lands), she bases a lot of her work on social dance, street dances, or everyday movement exaggerated and shaped into patterns.

Thirdly, contrary to the general move lately towards abstraction, she uses her dances to show characters and incidents. Shall we be back next to narrative in contemporary dance?

The biggest number on her programme is *Arms*, in which six people in a dance hall constantly challenge each other.

ROCK

Loudon Wainwright III Shaw Theatre

Since his notable appearance at this year's Glastonbury Festival, and with a new album *More Love Songs* - co-produced by Richard Thompson - offering a broader and deeper range than that of his recent stick-in-trade, it may be that Loudon Wainwright is about to return from the wilderness.

Partly due to his only hit single "Dead Skunk" (from



Our last romantic Patrick Leigh Fermor

CONCERTS

ECO/Leppard Queen Elizabeth Hall

Violinists in the audience will no doubt have marvelled at the playing of Cho-Liang Lin in the two Mozart Violin Concertos, K218 in D and K207 in B flat, which he gave with the English Chamber Orchestra last night - and to a large extent they were right. Lin's technique is formidable, the bowing arm perfectly controlled, the intonation well-nigh infallible, the articulation meticulous even in long passages of fast semiquavers. Add to that the quality of his sound, which makes him a match for anyone in the world.

Yet one has to say that these

performances were on the dull side. It is not enough to revel in one basic tone-colour, however lovely it might be; this music surely has more character to it than that, for all its expansive *cantabile* lines. In short, a lighter, more variegated touch was needed from both him and the orchestra, particularly in the slow movements, which tended to meander, despite Raymond Leppard's perfectly chosen tempi. Neither did the overblown cadenzas help to present the concertos in their best clothes. Indeed, that in the finale of the B flat work positively went against the grain of the music with its unflattering overt virtuosity.

The orchestra, however, was the nearest imaginable partner, the strings matching the soloist for sheer poise and the high horns making some distinguished contributions in the outer movements of K207. It was not their fault that they failed to knit the finale to

K218 into a satisfying whole.

In the two Stravinsky works that framed the Mozart they were equally impressive. They began with the rarely played sequence of *Dances concertantes*, composed in 1941-42, music that with its obsessive toying with basic rhythmic and motivic building blocks - for instance a simple oscillating interval of a third - looks simultaneously backwards at baroque antecedents and forwards to Stravinsky's adoption and adaptation of serial technique.

With Leppard using the small string section based on just six violins specified by the composer, this was almost bound to be a sharp-edged reading.

And so was the *Pulcinella* suite, where the players were nevertheless allowed enough freedom for the *Vivo* movement to be given with an apposite vulgarity.

Stephen Pettitt

Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony

The problem of the Fifth, is whether Shostakovich really intended that superficially triumphant finale to be "the optimistic solution" to the Soviet artist's problems, or the opposite.

There was plenty of fervour in the Hall's bright-toned brass section, and suitably pugnacious timpani playing at the end - yet Skrowaczewski handled this finale with a brisk formality which left listeners free to question the music's emotional sincerity if they chose.

By contrast, the preceding Largo had been played with honest warmth. Double-bass lines were properly emphasised; the woodwind shaped their lonely little solos with character, and the violins - led by the excellent Pan Hon Lee - made a brave, vibrant attempt at the cruel rising chromatic line near the finish.

One could not fault Malcolm Frager's aggression or accuracy in the solo part of Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto, but his interpretation - particularly of the finale - seemed unyielding and humourless.

Richard Morrison

Hallé/Skrowaczewski Festival Hall

It is time someone said that the currently fashionable talk about bringing Britain's regional orchestras up to "world-class standard" is insulting and unfair to the present players. They generally do their job at a high level of professional competence.

I wonder whether those who yearn for world-class regional orchestras have ever attended an orchestral concert in mid-west America, or heard some of the German, French or Italian orchestras that do not live in Berlin, Paris or Milan. They might find the world is not as class as they thought.

The only thing wrong with this Hallé Orchestra concert was that in order to attract London's supposedly sophisticated music-lovers the orchestra played a rather less adventurous programme than it might to its Manchester subscribers. Even here, though, there was a chance to appreciate Stanislaw Skrowaczewski's admirably circumspect interpretation of

setting. "The Swimming Song" and the plangent "Unhappy Anniversary" clearly demonstrated Wainwright's potential as a first division folk music contender.

Wainwright's most persistent trait has been the way in which he instinctively draws back from making his points too earnestly and although the balance has shifted, humour remains his strongest card. The closing number, "The Man Who Couldn't Cry" - a surreal narrative with a less clearly defined target than most of his songs - provided the best vehicle for his peculiar blend of wit and sadness.

David Sinclair

Wasted journey over old ground

THEATRE

Talk of the Devil Theatre Royal Bristol

This is a revised version of Mary O'Malley's play which I missed when it first appeared at Watford last March, and it leaves me wondering what the improvements are that have persuaded Leon Rubin to venture yet another main-house production with a plainly defective piece.

Ten years ago Miss O'Malley took the pants off convent school education in *Once A Catholic*, a comedy that delighted believers and non-believers alike. In *Talk of the Devil* she returns to the same territory, shifting her viewpoint from the school to a Catholic home.

Otherwise, it seems that she has already said everything she has to say on the subject. We learn again that a Catholic upbringing breeds hypocrisy, guilt, and sickly visions of sanctity; and that priests can be good company when off-duty.

If this had yielded another sparkish comedy it would matter if it consisted of recycled components. It does matter when the result is a low-energy piece made up of needless domestic miseries and jokes you can see coming a mile off.

It is partly the timescale that kills the laughs. There is some fun in watching the nine-year-old Geraldine's evasive performance in the confessional and her queasily patronage of her Proddy best friend; but when the family chronicle stretches out to her twenties and thirties, showing



Catholics in conflict: Pauline Yates and John Ronane as the Maguires in *Talk of the Devil*

the same rancorous arguments still going round and round, her working-class father still bullying his progeny into mass, her genteel mother still slapping them for impieties, a deathly claustrophobia sets in.

Apart from some inconsequential episodes, the story is one of the deadening repetition of wasted lives. The only comic escape comes in the privacy of Geraldine's bed-

room, where she is regularly visited by a bored devil who tempts her with raucous words, and the Virgin Mary who materializes as a nicely-spoken Irish lady (played to plaster-cast perfection by Janette Foggo) who comfortingly describes Purgatory as a dentist's waiting room. But as these immortals invariably arrive in the same order and do nothing to alter the course of

events, they too add to the prevailing monotony.

Paul Urwin's lethargic production also contributes to this effect, but it allows Pauline Yates to make her mark as the ageing mother, and Theresa Boden to develop all too plausibly from a spoiled little girl into a sharp-featured discontented woman.

Irving Wardle

It's not all in the mime

Supper. Goodnight/Carthage Almeida

"Performance theatre" endeavours - with mime, music and an obsessive concern for props - to circumvent the accepted procedures of stage drama: indeed, its monotonous sterility has become a type of anti-drama.

The form is especially beloved of Central Europeans (it helps them bridge the language gap when touring foreign lands), but in practice it simply looks old-fashioned, an historical aberration.

Under the direction of Wojciech Krukowski, Warsaw's Akademia Ruchu company has been touted as

the closing all-red tableau another.

*Carthage* replaces the tape with undistinguished rock music, and employs the screens more imaginatively - as when a group of players, seated on wooden chairs and gabbling among themselves, advance by stages under a perilously tilted overhang.

The title presumably invokes the image of a noble city whose inhabitants strive to express themselves while being ground under an invader's heel.

There can be no doubt that, under the present dispensation, everyday life in Poland is an insult to the brain: for us, the shame of it is that the theatrical articulation of dissent has become so safely codified, so pathetically curricular.

Martin Cropper

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# A populous place is Greene land

## THE TIMES PROFILE

GRAHAM GREENE

**A** remark in the *New York Times* to the effect that Graham Greene was "the largest of living English novelists" annoyed the American writer John Updike so much that he wrote a poem. It began:

*You are large, Father Graham, the young fan opined, "And your corpus is bulky indeed."*

*Yet you pen 'entertainments' as thin as a rind -*

*How do you so hugely succeed?"*

To the English middle classes this is as close to blasphemy as you can get these days. For Greene enjoys a reputation matched by no other living author. The word "greatest" seems to attach itself to his name as effortlessly as exotic place names are stamped in his passport. Critically and popularly he is unassailable. Even the fact that he has not yet been awarded the Nobel Prize is seen as no more than perverse eccentricity on the part of the Swedes.

And what other author could conceivably have inspired a book like *Graham Greene Country* which is published next week? It consists of paintings by Paul Hogarth of the settings of Greene's novels and is being accompanied by an exhibition in London. The opening will be attended by the great man himself who is making one of his rare visits to London.

The power of the man and the places he has been, from Argentina to Vietnam, arise from a combination of the novels themselves and the mythic quality of the author's life. For, although he is repeatedly said to be a "mysterious" figure, the facts of his life and his opinions are perhaps more widely known than those of any other writer.

Certain elements stand out as signposts to the nature of the novels. There was his childhood in Berkhamstead - happy but marred by persistent depression and a willful, indulged *fin de siècle* boredom. There was prolonged psycho-analysis and there were the famous teenage experiments with Russian roulette. It was a childhood that was to obsess Greene for

the rest of his life. Mr Brown in his 1966 novel *The Comedians* was to comment: "For writers it is always said the first twenty years of life contain the whole experience - the rest is observation, but I think it is equally true of us all."

The climax of this early phase of irritation and rebellion was his conversion to Catholicism at the age of 22. He met the Catholic girl he was to marry at Balliol, Oxford, after she pointed out a theological error he had made in a film review. He grew curious about the faith. He took instruction from a Father Trollope and realised that "I was facing the challenge of an inexplicable goodness." He was received into the Church in February 1926 and took the baptismal name of Thomas, after Doubling Thomas, not Thomas Aquinas.

Catholicism was central to his development as a writer. "Without it," wrote the critic John Spurling, "the fictional stakes were not high enough." His first three novels, starting with *The Man Within* published in 1929, were comparative failures but with the fourth - *Stamboul Train* in 1932 - he broke through to the critical and popular higher ground.

**T**hen, up to *A Burnt-Out Case* in 1961, came the long string of works known by the critics as "the Catholic novels" as well as the works like *Brighton Rock* and *The Ministry of Fear* which Greene deprecatingly described as "entertainments". After that his work became more directly political, based on his travels as a journalist and his insistent, broadly left-wing hankering after justice.

From this oeuvre his growing and loyal readership derived a huge portfolio of familiar Greenian associations: the sinister, fraught, Third World locations, the lapsed priests and the gambling, drugs and whores associated with his agonised protagonists. Even the word "seedy" has come to be inseparable from the Greene universe. And, behind it all, were the nagging questions of faith and salvation - perhaps



## BIOGRAPHY

1904: Born, October 2. Educated Berkhamstead and Balliol College, Oxford.  
1925: Publication of his first book, *Babbling April*.  
1926-30: On staff of *The Times*.  
1927: Married Vivien Dayrell-Browning; one son, one daughter.  
1929: Published *The Man Within*.  
1935: *England Made Me*.  
1938: *Brighton Rock*.  
1940: Hawthornden Prize for *The Power and the Glory*.  
1940-41: Literary Editor, *The Spectator*.  
1941-44: War service.

1949: Wrote screenplay for *The Third Man*.  
1955: *Loser Takes All* and *The Quiet American*.  
1958: *Our Man in Havana*.  
1966: Made a Companion of Honour.  
1977: Member of the Panamanian delegation to Washington for signing of the Canal Treaty.  
1978: *The Human Factor*.  
1984: Made a Commander des Arts et des Lettres by France.  
1985: Publication of *The Tenth Man*, his 48th book.



The greening of Graham: from early promise, left, through maturity to the unassailable status of the doyen at his home in Nice, right.

most famously in Major Scobie's decision to be damned for the sake of another in *The Heart of the Matter* or the lethal innocence of Pyle in *The Quiet American*.

In his later years, spent mainly in exile in Antibes, the details of the faith have come to seem less urgent to him. He has pointed out that it will not, in any case, be long before he finds out one way or another. But his sense of injustice has remained intact (he launched an attack on local corruption in the South of France) and he has continued to produce novels - *The Honorary Consul* of 1973 is argued by many to be among his finest. Yet he retains his gloom about his place in the world. He admits his desk at home is littered

with unfinished works, "still-born books. Failures." He has said: "I have not written the book I wanted to write."

He has developed a unique international persona. He wrote a book, *Getting to Know the General*, about General Omar Torrijos of Panama and he has revisited many of his old haunts, though this time as a statesmanlike figure on conversational terms with people like Castro. Meanwhile, from afar, he has preserved his mischievous, mildly subversive relationship with England, sending letters to *The Times* and *The Spectator* and occasionally fencing on literary matters with his neighbour in the South of France, Anthony Burgess. But on his latest

visit to London he has reverted to something of his old, secretive style. He had observed that every time he brought out a book there was a huge demand for interviews in expectation that it would be his last. This time a message came from his sister that he did not wish to talk.

The publication of Hogarth's paintings seems to have brought home to him the whole nature of his career. "I find myself," he writes in the foreword, "regarding his evocative pictures with a certain sadness. It is not merely that so many scenes which I once described have changed in half a century, but that a novelist's memory is inevitably a bad one. No one forgets more easily than a

novelist - it is his salvation to forget." He adds: "And a writer is after all a kind of criminal without a conscience. How many people have died at his hands and been forgotten by the killer?"

The words hark back to his often-quoted remark that a writer must have a splinter of ice in his heart and they reveal again the extent to which he has always seen his characters as players in a moral fable. This often gives rise to the uneasy sense that the familiar theology can simply be detached without damaging the real structure of the novel. Revealingly, he has lamented the decline from the moral drama of Medieval literature to the drama of character of the world of the Enlightenment. Shakespeare's greatness, he feels, arose from his ability to feed off both traditions.

Among his contemporaries, a shared sense that the literary tradition was suffering from a kind of exhaustion resulted in the dazzling imaginative enterprises of Nabokov and the inward voyage of Beckett. In England Greene has written nothing to compare with the philosophic clairvoyance of Iris Murdoch nor can his realisations of religion in prose match the intensity of William Golding.

Instead he remains close to the Rider Haggards and the Percy Westernmairs of his childhood. At his best this produces a spare, direct narrative ability without equal. And it is this storytelling power which should ensure him a long term place in the distinguished English tradition of good-bad writers like Conan Doyle or J B Priestley.

For the moment, however, the clamour of his fans places him in a somewhat less humble pigeon hole. Or, as Updike's poem concludes:

*But the swartable critics hum wonderful stuff, And that is the heart of the matter!*

Bryan Appleyard

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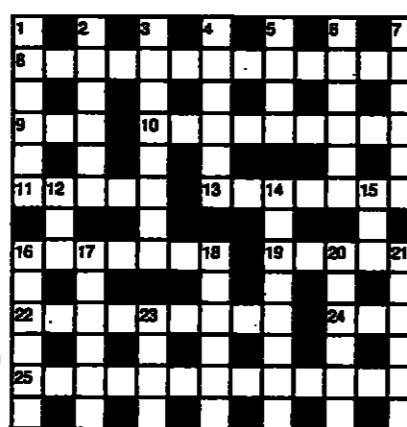
*Graham Greene Country*, visited by Paul Hogarth with a foreword and commentary by Graham Greene is published by Pavilion at £20.

The exhibition *Travels in Graham Greene Country* is at the Francis Kyle Gallery, 9, Maddox Street, London W1 from October 21st to November 20th.

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- 24 Rabble (3)
- 25 Delight in others' misfortune (13)



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## On Death Row, with time to kill

Looking into the eyes of a man who is condemned to die it is hard to resist the temptation to make a judgement. Carlos De Luna was aged 24 this time yesterday. In the early hours of yesterday, he was scheduled to die. It was something he had waited a long time for and now he will have to wait a little longer, for in the early hours of yesterday came a stay of execution. He has, at least, 20 more days to live.

He is a convicted murderer, found guilty of stabbing to death Wanda Jean Lopez, a petrol station attendant in the town of Corpus Christi in southern Texas in February 1983. All along he maintained his innocence, but few people believed him.

For some reason, throughout the interview which the Texas Department of Corrections allowed him to give to *The Times* on Death Row, I was seized with the compul-

**Carlos De Luna, three years condemned, will probably die in a matter of weeks.**

**Paul Vallely found him as much a victim of politics as justice**

sion that I had to make some decision as to whether I believed him. But the matter of his guilt, I came to see, is a matter of utter irrelevance. An entire community, in various locations, played its part in the drama of Carlos De Luna. Perhaps the tragedy is that they never came together in one place to bring themselves to face with his reality.

In a small town diner sat Sam Gilstrap, who for 26 years he was the master me-

chanic for the electric chair in the local prison. He is contemptuous of the lethal injection which replaced electrocution in Texas when the death penalty was reintroduced in 1982.

"If a man is sentenced to death, he ought to have something to fear rather than a needle which lets him go to sleep. When you kick that motor on and you hear it moan - well, that gets him a little upset."

Sam Gilstrap took part in 125 executions and his is a majority view. The state's most recent poll showed 75 per cent of the population in favour of the death penalty with only 19 per cent opposed to it in contrast to a minority support of 42 per cent in 1966.

In the Walls Unit of the prison, where the death chamber is located, the assistant warden Mr Robert Orr is responsible for the protocol of the executions. "I'm just carrying out the court order. I don't like doing it, but it is a part of my job."

Not far away in the Department of Justice in Sam Houston State University, Dr George Beto, who headed the Texas prison system until 1972 and who now teaches prison administration, said: "I had to supervise 14 executions. The worst was that of a black man who sang *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* as he walked from the cell to the chamber. I couldn't see him at first. I could just hear him coming along the hall. Even today that song makes my flesh creep."

Sixty miles to the south in Houston a grizzled old attorney, Mr Will Gray, who was handling the last minute appeals of as many as 30 of the 250 men and three women on Death Row, without pay, sat in bleak resignation. Until recently, when he launched a corrective campaign, 60 of the condemned had no lawyer at all. They had been represented perfunctorily during their trials and appeals by court appointed lawyers but were entirely unadvised about the more technical appeals which could win their stays of execution against the Texas authorities' programme to execute at least one Death Row inmate a month in the current election year.

Back on Death Row the young Hispanic convict sat in a metal cage and peered through a slot of thick reinforced glass. "I am hoping that I may get a stay. A month ago I did not have a lawyer, then when the date of the execution was fixed I got one. No one has been retained



Time to die: Carlos De Luna has waited three years on Death Row, so what's another 20 days?

without getting at least one stay."

He had a handsome face with the complexion of a young child, but the fluency to his conversation seemed to flow from a disquiet. "The courts are like the weather. You cannot predict them. Everyone in here goes crazy. One guy cut his veins and hanged himself last month. "The courts should stop playing these games. If one of us kidnapped, someone and locked them up for ten years and told them every day that they were to be killed, people would say it was a barbaric crime, but for the state it is legal. It is like abortion; it is the very same people who are against killing babies who are in favour of killing me."

It was not a diatribe. It was an expression of bewilderment. "I have been here three and a half years. In that time I have had time to think and learned to take life more seriously. I suppose I've got my college diploma and started to make little jewellery boxes. People seem to think they are quite good. Maybe I could make a living out of it if I wasn't in here."

The pathos of that absurd hypothesis seemed suddenly acute. So did his clichés which were now all too literal. "I've said I'm innocent and I'll say that until the day I die. But where there's life there's hope. No one's been executed on their first time yet." He clutched at this, though he was wrong.

He avoided the subject of death itself, so I asked him directly. "I think I will die. With the current policy of the courts 85 per cent of the people in here will be

executed. A lot of people on Death Row say that they'd rather die anyway than live here. Not me. I'd rather stay here for ever than be executed."

"Death comes to my mind every day now, but I try not to think about it. I'm scared of dying. I don't want the pain. I don't want to not be here anymore. I think there's another life. I believe in God... and the Devil. I'm worried about Heaven and Hell and where I'll go."

He fell quiet but the silence seemed to disturb him. "What is society coming to? They call us cold-blooded but they're the ones who are strapping us down and injecting us. If anyone's cold blooded it's them. Two wrongs don't make a right, they say. The reason I agreed to talk to you was so people can see that I have



Place to die: Huntsville jail's

feelings too, that I'm not an animal. This is a human being speaking. Is it right to do this?" It was then that I realized that he probably was guilty.

"Shortly before I retired," said Dr Beto, "our research department did a survey. It showed we had 44 men on Death Row and 110 murderers in the general prison population. And some of the 110 had committed crimes far more heinous. A lot depends upon the vigour of the prosecuting attorney; these are elected officials and in an election year like this one that's bound to have an effect."

"Almost 90 per cent of cases are settled by plea bargaining where the accused accepts a lighter sentence in return for a guilty plea. It is the poor, the stupid and the inept who end up on Death Row, the ones who can't afford a decent lawyer."

In the Death Block such issues did not occupy the attention of Warden Orr. Clinically he talked of how the prisoner is transported and who can visit him in the Death Cell and detailed the man's last shower, change of clothes and his final meal and revealed the secret room from which the poison is administered: "Pavulon - muscle relaxant. Sodium Thiopental - lethal dose. Potassium Chloride - stops the heart beat. If you don't get the balance right he would kick like a horse."

He stood by the metal gurney and its overhead neon light and painted ceiling which is the dead man's final earthly sight. In Huntsville the colour of death is pale blue. A psychologist suggested that



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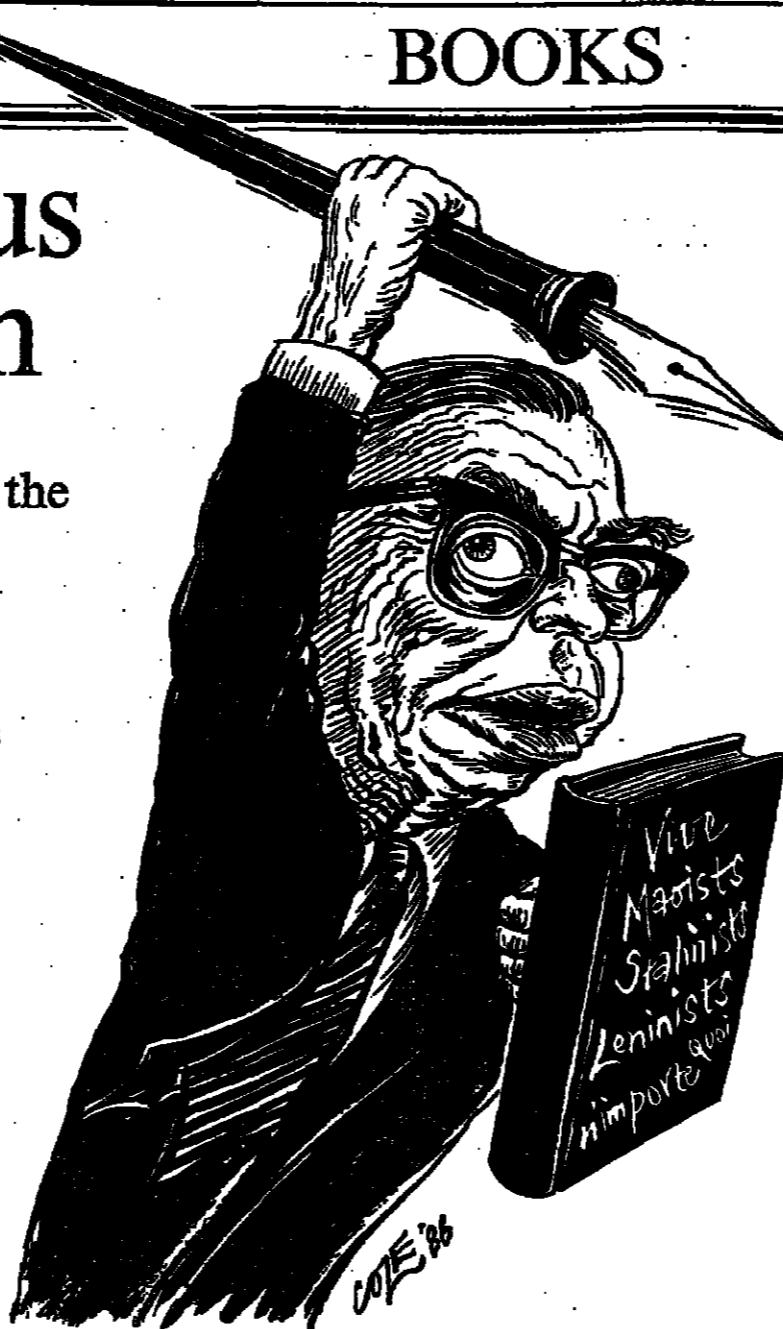
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After the scuttling of the Soviet submarine near Bermuda earlier this month, I learn that the wreck of a Russian nuclear sub has lurked virtually unnoticed beneath the stretch of ocean between Britain and Iceland.

The latest recruit - and first party leader - to join the women-in-Parliament 300 Group? David Owen, whose parliamentary party includes no women MPs at all.

Pik hits it

A cherished moment for David Steel during his tour of South Africa came during a meeting with Pik Botha, the foreign minister, who complained there was too much talk of the merits of imprisoned black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela.

Tax and tecs

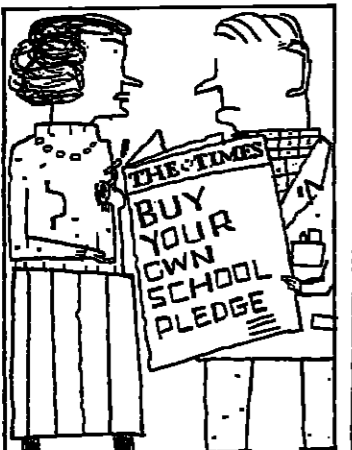
There's nothing like television for promoting a conference on supply side economics, author George Gilder tells me. But it must be the right kind of coverage.

Notice outside the surgical wing of a hospital in South Devon: "Caesars Operating. Beware."

Mouthful

Edwina Currie may not be quite so steely-hearted as we all imagine. At the beginning of her career, she attended the weekend selection course for would-be Tory MPs, and - as a presage of things to come - drove her dozen fellow candidates to distraction by talking incessantly.

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Pungent

Parisian perfume manufacturer Parfums Weil has asked Macmillan to send it a few Rudyard Kipling books for tonight's champagne launch of a new male scent, called Kipling.

Sidelong look

In a week when we have all become involuntary China watchers, I discover a most engaging booklet, published in the People's Republic, in which the Chinese turn their gaze on us.

Reykjavik: a note of optimism - and a dilemma for Mrs Thatcher

Why the summit succeeded

by David Owen

The Reykjavik summit marks not the end of serious arms control negotiations but the beginning. I cannot understand why there is so much pessimism from sensible people about the outcome.

Gorbachov gambled by making major changes in the Soviet position right up to the end and then hoped to bounce Reagan over the SDI hurdle. Reagan gambled by giving the Russians their head in discussing a global settlement, cutting through the bureaucratic inertia.

It is all very well for the armchair critics to say that summit meetings should be held only for heads of government to sign previously negotiated texts. That is the bureaucrats' view of politics.

It is not surprising that former presidential advisers in recent Democratic and Republican administrations who have never won a vote in their lives should take the bureaucratic view.

They have been all too quick to point to the political embarrassment of a failed summit. So what? Politicians win votes for having a go, and then having the courage to call off the gambler if it does not succeed.

Those who now cry "I told you so" are the small men. Reagan and Gorbachov were right to gamble and, given that neither gamble quite came off, both men were right to stand firm.

I suspect the best answer lies now not in trying to make substantial changes to the ABM treaty but accept that it will last for

10 years on the narrow interpretation which Gorbachov insisted upon in his attempt to prevent SDI development.

Instead the two sides will concentrate on making changes in another crucial area, that of the test ban negotiations. Here both men can change their positions with less loss of face, while respecting each other's sticking point over ABM.

President Reagan should remind himself that he launched SDI with an announcement that it was a non-nuclear programme. He should tell those American scientists who are urging him to keep open the option of a nuclear explosion in space, as the energy source for the laser beam part of SDI, that he has no intention of going back on his word.

Lawrence Freedman shows how Reagan has embarrassed his allies

The argument at Reykjavik over SDI was based on different interpretations of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The US position was that "research, development and testing" of defensive weapons was permitted by the treaty, and would continue, but there would be no move actually to deploy for at least ten years.

There has always been tension between the ABM and SDI. The treaty forbids attempts to build nationwide defences against ballistic missiles; SDI is exploring the possibility of constructing such defences.

Until now the two have been reconciled on the basis that the treaty does not actually forbid research. Research can be justified to keep abreast of relevant technology and maintain an ability to respond should the other side try to break out of the treaty's constraints.

So long as the effort is confined solely to research neither side could expect to break out because, with systems as complex as these, considerable development work and testing would have to be undertaken before any deployment decision.

The initial Soviet response to SDI was to argue that it should be abandoned completely and any research related to space-based systems prohibited. Not surprisingly the Kremlin concluded that research related to improving existing types of anti-ballistic missiles, in which it has been actively engaged, could continue.

Gradually Moscow came to modify its position, accepting that "laboratory" research could be permitted, although the precise meaning of this term has yet to be determined. In return Gorbachov proposed that the withdrawal period should be extended from six months to 15 years.



Can we still go along with Star Wars?

terms that was considered hopeful if for no other reason than that it indicated that SDI was now negotiable. However, the catch was a less restrictive view of research.

This was spelt out by the President in a speech to the United Nations last month, in which he outlined his seven and a half-year timetable. Should either side decide to deploy such a system after that time, it would be obliged to offer a plan for sharing the benefits of strategic defence and for eliminating offensive ballistic missiles.

It seems unlikely that such a plan could be agreed in two years, especially as the side offering it would be under no obligation to make it all acceptable to the other.

The key phrase in the speech is that until 1991 the two sides could continue to research, develop and test strategic defences "as permitted by the ABM treaty" in order to "judge if advanced systems of strategic defence are technically feasible".

It may be that this is what President Reagan had in mind but it would be surprising, for a system based solely on land-based

interceptors would be extremely limited in what it could achieve. It might be suitable for protecting some military installations, such as missile silos or command centres, although even this could not be guaranteed.

A reading of the treaty does not suggest that any other type of development and testing is permitted. However, a year ago the Reagan administration broached a new interpretation which, if offered by the Soviet Union, would have quite properly been greeted by Washington with derision.

Article V of the Treaty is quite specific: "Each Party undertakes not to develop, test or deploy ABM systems or components which are sea-based, air-based, space-based, or mobile land-based." That seems comprehensive and unambiguous, but the administration's lawyers have sought to discover a loophole.

This statement was insisted upon by the US side in 1972 in order to ensure that any new technological developments (and they had a large Soviet laser in mind) would be brought into the treaty framework.

Gorbachov, for his part, should accept, at least for a period, that the US will not sign a comprehensive test ban treaty and recognize that by agreeing to a limited number of low threshold tests the US has moved a long way to limit his most immediate concern over SDI.

Gorbachov should remember that Reagan's commitment to SDI may well not be shared by the president who takes office in 1997 when the new agreement over the ABM treaty could expire. Also, that by depriving the SDI programme of a nuclear source of energy in space, he will have made it much harder for the US to make the major technological breakthrough he fears during the next 10 years.

A gigantic stride was taken in Iceland towards making the world a safer place by reducing the risk of nuclear war. Now all we need is a few small steps to complete the process. I am confident they will be taken.

Ronald Butt

Labour's soft underbelly

As usual the party conferences this year changed the political scene in ways hardly predictable. The Tories had been fighting defensively to prove that they are as indifferent to the social services and unemployment. Now they can claim creditably to be the only party with an effective defence policy, and also offering the kind of society, based on socially responsible capitalism, with which most voters are likely to feel comfortable.

But the key to the transformation is in the Labour Party. For all its emollient publicity, Labour after its conference is deeply damaged by the grisly fight which its defence policy has shed on its wider claim to moderation.

Had Labour simply undertaken to renounce Polaris for example's sake, and Trident on cost grounds, many serious about defence but disenchanted with the Tories on domestic policy might still have voted Labour. Even phasing out US cruise missiles could have appealed to a sentiment which is not anti-Nato but dislikes having on British soil a powerful foreign weapon which we might not be able adequately to control.

Labour thus stands in the posture of an anti-Nato party which is at best neutralist if not anti-Western. However many videos Kinnock produces on his defence policy, he cannot explain this away, and it is almost inconceivable that the electorate, which knows how Western Europe has been both free and at peace these last 40 years, will vote such a party to power.

Why, then, did the Labour leader do it? First, the so-called soft left, of which Kinnock is the leader, still nurtures the old Labour sentiment that there are no real enemies on the left. Soviet socialism may have disagreeable features, but it is improving and socialism of any sort is a bond. In at least three recent broadcast interviews, Kinnock has referred in the same sentence to "President" Reagan and, much more intimately (as though to a friend) to "Mikhail" Gorbachov. He may not do it consciously, but it tells us something.

Second, Labour's hope is that the nation is so preoccupied with

domestic policy that it will turn a blind eye to defence, or persuade itself that Labour does not mean what it says. But since Kinnock and his friends also know that the voters will shy away from Labour's neutralism if they recognize it for what it is, why do they risk alienating the public?

It is not simply that the anti-Nato policy is one with which Kinnock is personally comfortable. The explanation is that this defence policy is the price paid for buying off the left, soft and hard, from attacking the domestic tactics of relegating formal socialism in favour of the so-called moderate policies of "social ownership" and planned growth by way of more state spending, which is Labour's bait to voters discontented with the Tories' social policies.

The calculated risk is that elections are won on domestic policy and that nothing most disturbs Labour's New Deal prosperity image in which socialism is hardly mentioned.

But why did the left accept the bargain? The reason is that for the first time since the war it sees a chance of breaking the foreign policy consensus, wresting Britain out of Nato for all practical purposes and setting an example which could lead to a neutralist Western Europe. At the same time, a moderate posture on domestic policy is the only road to power. There will be time enough later, if Labour gets power, to start again the onslaught for a truly socialist domestic policy when there is another inflationary crisis and Prime Minister Kinnock is faced with the choice between accepting IMF terms and barricading the nation behind the siege walls of socialism.

Kinnock is mistaken to suppose the public will not see the significance of all this. Not only is Mrs Thatcher able to present the Tories as the only party with an acceptable defence policy, the power the left has shown on defence demonstrates how vulnerable Labour's moderate domestic policies would also be to their attack. It becomes increasingly likely that if the majority of voters wish the new non-socialist dispensation of the Thatcher years to stick, and there is every indication that they do, they will conclude that the Tories are the only feasible candidate for government, provided the economy revival is not seriously checked.

Once a new consensus of socially responsible capitalism is established there will be room for a new principal alternative party of government to arise within it. This could look very like the kind of Social Democratic Party which Dr Owen aspires to lead. But I doubt that it can get off the ground until the old left-dominated Labour Party has been relegated to the fringe of politics.

moreover... Miles Kington

And as they near the dotted line...

Tension is almost unbearable as the leading contenders to host the 1992 Olympics come into the home straight. For many connoisseurs, it has been a far more exciting race than the Olympic Games itself. Who can forget the way Palermo took the lead sensationally on the first lap, and was mysteriously shot down in the second? Who can forget the moment when much-fancied Dublin was disqualified for promising 4,000 licensed taxis in their Olympic villages? But this week at last the final few cities have the finishing line in sight and tomorrow, when the result is announced, many of us will be staying in bed extra late just to hear it announced.

For all of you, fans or not, here is the list of the final contenders, drawn up by our sports and inner city decay staff.

Dong Pong. The ninth largest city in China, Dong Pong houses 15 million inhabitants, all of whom are either expert athletes or working full-time on their challenge to host the Olympics. Dong Pong has undergone so many name changes in the last 30 years that it is not actually mentioned on any atlas at the moment, but if it is awarded the Olympics, its people promise to change all that.

In an effort to impress the IOC committee, Dong Pong has flown all the members to China, given them a slap-up meal and flown them back again; since then it has flown slap-up meals from China to the IOC committee every day. Its final presentation to the committee takes the form of an entire Chinese opera entitled *The Heroes of the Revolution build a Swimming Pool Overnight*.

Coca-Colaville. This African city is the only contender which has gone to the lengths of changing its name to suit one of the sponsors. To finance its Olympic project, it says it will borrow the money from the World Bank and never pay it back. A river has already been diverted to create an Olympic size swimming pool; if the bid is unsuccessful, it will be the first Olympic size mangrove swamp in the world. To impress the committee, the government has offered to declare war on any country of the IOC's choice. So far the offer has not been taken up.

Milton Keynes. A surprise contender this, as it had no intention of bidding for the Olympic Games. "We thought we were

applying to be the host for the 1992 Booker Prize ceremony," says a spokesman, "but the forms must have got mixed up in the post. Still, now we're in the running, we're very excited. Milton Keynes is built in the form of an Olympic village anyway, we can always fill up our Bowl to make a swimming pool, and John Dankworth over at Wavendon has promised to come up with some exciting versions of the national anthems for the opening and prize ceremonies. Don't forget that the playing of the national anthems now takes more time than the events themselves." All the track events will take place on the nearby M1, most of which is ceded off and unused already.

Tripoli. In an effort to impress, the Tripoli council flew the IOC committee out to Libya and threatened not to send them back until it was awarded the Games. The IOC promptly elected a new committee, but Tripoli is still very much in the running, as the sand for the high jump pit is of higher quality than anywhere else. One possible drawback is the lack of water; it is not certain that all swimmers would care to risk the Gulf of Sirte.

Jihadabad. A glittering new city specially created in the desert sands near Mecca for an Olympic site. When the IOC suggested that it might be a bit out of the way, the city was specially moved to the glittering desert sands near Riyadh. Jihadabad has also built personal palaces for each member of the IOC committee, in which they can relax and consider their verdict, together with their wives, families and accountants. Jihadabad has now gone bankrupt, but the Saudis do not think this will harm their chances; after all, they point out, so have all the other contenders.

Birmingham. Not Birmingham, England, but Birmingham, North Carolina, a small town of 10,000 inhabitants. Its chances are pinned on two hopes: first, that the committee will confuse it with the English city and, secondly, that in the event of a mass boycott of the 1992 Olympics, the IOC will be looking for a modest site. "We could easily house half a dozen nations, no problem," the town council says. "We looked after the US 5000 Jumping Championships in 1982, and people still talk about the way we handled it then. If we can do frogs, we can do people."

Strains ahead when baby seeks a bride

The arrival at Heathrow this week of thousands of Asians seeking entry into Britain has again drawn attention to the immigration issue. The Home Office, which has been monitoring the trends, believes that immigration to Britain is certain to increase as more young Asians reach marriageable age and some marry partners from the Indian subcontinent. In the longer term, therefore, the level of immigration will depend mainly on the extent to which those brought up or born in Britain choose to seek their spouses from the subcontinent.

Information from the Home Office so far suggests that a large proportion of such young people do indeed seek partners abroad. This figure must be seen in the context of an approximate 50 per cent increase over the next decade in the annual numbers of young Asians reaching marriageable age.

So, unless there is a change in family habits during the next few years, the proportion of such young people choosing their spouses from the subcontinent is likely to increase.

Another way of looking at future prospects is through the labour force survey released by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. This shows that, in terms of age, the three main communities of Asian origin now living in Britain break down as follows: 32 per cent of Indians (258,000) are under 16, as are 46 per cent of Pakistanis (169,000) and 49 per cent of Bangladeshis (46,000). Clearly if a large numbers of these young people seek their partner from abroad, then the future level of immigration might once more become a political issue.

But safeguards do exist. If the primary purpose of the intended marriage is to obtain admission to

the United Kingdom, admission will be refused. After marriage, there is then a 12 months' probationary period.

But few Hindus believe in intermarriage to the extent that they would encourage their daughters to marry an Englishman, let alone a Pakistani or West Indian. The Home Office figures even seem to imply that many Asian parents do not particularly wish their daughters and sons to marry young people of similar origin brought up in this country.

One wonders how much the parents' influence is felt. The Home Office recognizes the arranged marriage to be valid as an institution, subject to the safeguard against it being used primarily to settle a spouse here.

The culture of those from the subcontinent remains strong after they settle in Britain. It is further enhanced if the mother in the

household does not speak English well and the children have to communicate with her in her original language, or if the religious affinities are strong.

Below all these trends runs a strong current which defies even the pressures towards conformity in modern Britain. People are today much more conscious of their roots. From the Welsh to the North American Indians to the Basques, there is concern about tribal identity. It is as if the process of standardization and the pace of change are making people more aware of the groups they belong to. It is all a long way from the "assimilation" that in the early 1960s was seen by some as a possible goal for immigrants.

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# THE SELBOURNE AFFAIR

In the springtime of this year the Labour Party and the Trade Union movement preached Freedom and Fairness. In the early Autumn the politicians and union bosses pinned the red rose to their collective button hole and made glossy-bound promises for Investing in People. In the meantime they have withstood powerful assaults from their political opponents who argue that beneath the bland appearances something still very nasty lies.

It is always, of course, useful to consider how the Labour movement is facing up to its critics in the Conservative and Alliance parties. It can sometimes, however, be more instructive to see how the Labour movement faces up to its friendly critics — and more important, what it does to those of its friends who dare to challenge Party orthodoxy.

For twenty years Mr David Selbourne has been a leading left wing teacher in Oxford. He has taught the history of political ideas to a generation of students at Ruskin College, a mainly state funded institution which, while not being part of Oxford University itself, has close links with that university. Its students may take University diplomas, use University libraries, its staff have the security of tenure that they would have as dons.

In the essence of any University is the freedom of its members to speak, to write and to publish without fear. Security of tenure (with all the consequent rigidities and inefficiencies which it brings in its wake) is defensible only on the grounds of defending this freedom. On March 26 Mr Selbourne wrote an article for *The Times*. Subsequently his lectures were boycotted, his students intimidated and his job lost.

As an individual case of injustice Mr Selbourne's case is depressing. On May 5 he was due to lecture on Thomas Paine's *Rights of Man*; instead he found himself barred by pickets bearing placards accusing him of being a "scab". His academic colleagues refused him support. He was deprived of most of his tutorial students.

As the picketing continued he appealed to the acting Principal; his writing for *The Times* was called "provocative". As for any protection from his union, the Association of University Teachers, its Assistant General Secretary was a member of the Ruskin governing body which censured him for the article.

As well as an individual injustice (which may eventually be adjudicated by the courts), the Selbourne case is also a manifestation of more general problems for the education authorities — for Oxford

University which provides Ruskin with facilities and for the Government which provides the college with the bulk of its funds.

Ruskin began its institutional life in the late nineteenth century as a privately funded foundation with a commitment to working class education. It later became dominated by the trade union movement which both financed its work and provided the bulk of its students. In present day Ruskin the union domination of the management remains — although the extent of financial patronage does not. State funds make up 90 per cent of the college income.

What is the link between academic values and trade union values? If they clash, which prevails? If the values that prevail are utterly antithetical to those of a university, what should a university do about it?

Earlier this year, in connection with the attacks at Bristol University on Professor John Vincent for his columns in *The Sun*, the Vice Chancellor of Oxford University, Sir Patrick Neil, said that it was "quite intolerable that any attempt should be made to disrupt lectures or classes whether on account of something that the persecuted academic has written or the publication or journal in which he or she has written it. Any such attempted disruption is a direct attack on academic freedom and no amount of posturing or special pleading can disguise this ugly fact."

All the while that he was speaking there was just such an ugly fact in evidence in Oxford itself. There was just such a persecuted academic. But because Ruskin is not a formal part of the University there is no university sanction upon the students who picketed Mr Selbourne, nor upon the staff who stood by while the offences against free speech were committed.

The only sanction is the threat to end the relationship between the University and the college as a whole, injuring the innocent of Ruskin as well as the guilty. It may have to come to that if the college cannot provide a satisfactory account of its behaviour.

Should tax payers' money continue to support Ruskin in the current circumstances? The minister for higher education, Mr George Walden, has already raised questions and called for the relevant papers from the Ruskin Principal, Mr John Hughes; he should consider the matter with expedition and Mr Hughes' answers with care.

The important questions in the Selbourne affair are not, however, just for the courts, not just for University vice-chancellors and Government

ministers. They concern everyone who has an interest in what definition of freedom might prevail in a Britain governed by Mr Kinnock's new model Labour Party.

Mr Selbourne is part of the dissenting tradition in Ruskin — and in the Labour Party at large — of R.H. Tawney and G.D.H. Cole. His writings show him to be sceptical of orthodox left wing solutions, of received left wing wisdoms.

In his article in *The Times* in March he dismissed Mr Kinnock's purge of Militant as "the sound of brooms and hoses in the Augean stables as Labour starts preparing for the general election". In a subsequent article in *The Guardian* he wrote that "the prospect of the Labour bandwagon pulling its dead weight into Downing Street is one to daunt our hopes of radical (as distinct from rhetorical) political innovation."

He is not simply a left wing thinker who has changed sides. He is a left wing thinker who takes right wing ideas seriously. Only by a serious analysis of what Mrs Thatcher has achieved in government will Labour ever make itself a serious contender to take her place. Yet it is no secret that serious dissent of Mr Selbourne's kind is unwelcome in today's Labour party.

Mr Kinnock is walking a tight-rope and his supporters want no one to spoil his act. He wants to make a temporary loan of Mrs Thatcher's best clothes — wider home ownership, respect for family values etc — not to make them part of his permanent wardrobe.

The cry is going out from Walworth Road that now is the time for all parts of the movement to come to the aid of the Party leader. One of those parts is Ruskin which has gradually expanded its work as a think-tank for trade union tacticians. The Principal, Mr Hughes, is an adviser to the shadow employment spokesman, Mr John Prescott. Its governing body is chaired by the long-time chairman of the Labour Party Conference arrangements committee, Mr Derek Gladwin.

Some of those who are prepared to help Mr Kinnock may genuinely believe that the stifling of dissent is a temporary pre-election phenomenon, that even the boycott of *The Times* itself is an exceptional matter, that in their heart of hearts the Labour leadership is absolutely committed to the pursuit of free speech and the free flow of ideas in our universities and in society at large.

Others may wonder whether the treatment of Mr Selbourne is not a better sign of what may happen when Labour is in power.

## TESTING FAITHS

Pope John Paul II is said to have given his consent to a series of Carbon 14 tests on the Turin Shroud, under the supervision of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Such tests have been proposed before, but the church has evidently been waiting until there was general agreement in the scientific community that the techniques available were sufficiently reliable, and that the art of Carbon 14 analysis had reached the point where only very small samples needed to be consumed.

The church does not generally object to exhaustive checking of claims to the miraculous: cures tendered as evidence in support of canonisations, for instance, are routinely submitted to independent panels of doctors who are encouraged to be as scientifically sceptical as they like. The same "devil's advocate" approach is the only honest one in this case too, even though the Shroud is by far the most famous and most venerated relic of all. For it appears to be the burial cloth which was round the corpse of Jesus after the Crucifixion.

If the Shroud was nothing more than that, astonishing though its survival would be, convincing scientific evidence of its authenticity would raise no further issues. But what makes it unlike anything else on earth is the trace it carries, in the same reversal of light and shade as a photograph negative, of the body of an adult male who met a violent death.

In previous scientific tests it is this pattern which has been the centre of interest, for no plausible explanation has ever

been ventured as to how it got there. It is detailed, anatomically accurate, and haunting, especially the face and head. There is only the slenderest of evidence for the presence of pigmentation, whether artificial or natural, and the general view of scientists who have examined it is that it resembles a burn mark, or something similar, such as would be caused by radiation rather than contact.

If the Shroud is a medieval artefact, whether originally intended as a fake or as religious art, there would be universal curiosity as to how it was done, for no-one in the modern age has succeeded in reproducing anything like it. If it is approximately 2,000 years old, on the other hand, it will be hard to counter the claim that it is indeed what it is already reputed to be: evidence of the Resurrection.

The Bishop of Durham notwithstanding, the general belief of Christendom has always been that the dead body of Jesus went through a unique and mysterious transformation and mysterious transformation in the tomb, through the direct power of God; and that by this miracle it was returned to life and the tomb left empty. But orthodox theologians have drawn a discreet veil over the nature of the process. They have insisted, rather, that these were matters of faith not science. They would even agree to an extent with the famous Durham dictum that God is not in the business of "knock down laser-beam miracles" such as would leave no work for faith to do.

Long have theologians practised their answers to the

atheist's insistence that if there was a God, He would surely have provided some proof of Himself; and that if the central act of human history, as the theologians tell it, was the Resurrection, it would surely be an appropriate occasion for such evidence. Not so, say the theologians; on the contrary, Faith, as the supreme religious virtue, is the only appropriate way of apprehending the supreme religious truth.

The scientists in their C-14 laboratories certainly will not claim to be settling such grand philosophical arguments: they will emerge with a date (or range of dates) and that will be the end of their role. And should it be from the period of the Roman occupation of Palestine, there will still be cover for sceptics to hide in: the tests could be faulty; the Shroud must be a much earlier fake than anyone thought; the mediaevals had doctored a genuine relic; and so on. But the sceptics will be wriggling, grasping at unlikely explanations.

Before believers cheer too loudly in that event, though, they should count the cost to their own side. The church will be wriggling too. An authentic Turin Shroud is too amazing an object to have been left in the tomb by accident, perchance to be found and kept, perchance to have survived until scientific progress could reach a point where it could unlock the secret. It is almost as if God had calculated that some 2,000 years ahead science would have replaced theology as the commonly-accepted arbiter of truth, and planned accordingly.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Means to fight cervical cancer

From the President of the Royal College of Pathologists and others  
Sir, Cervical cancer is a potential, but curable, threat to many young women in this country. The diagnosis of cervical cancer at an early stage depends on the recognition of changes in cervical smears, and this in turn depends on the skill and training of the screeners and pathologists involved.

Your report (October 8) on the British Medical Association's recent report gave welcome publicity to the topic and highlighted some of the main problems. However, it did not refer to the final conclusion of the report, which stated that adequate resources should be made available for an effective programme.

We welcome the suggestion that screening should be used more effectively directed at younger women in addition to older ones and carried out more often. Your readers must be aware that the resource implications for the very large increases in screening that would be required are major and would need considerably more finance than has been made available so far. An increase in the number of screeners and pathologists would be essential in addition to better call and recall facilities.

It is likely that the present Government will listen to public pressure and indeed yesterday Mr Fowler made reference (report, October 9) to the need for improved screening. However, there is no point in improving the screening programme without proper facilities being provided to treat the patients who have positive smears and then are found to have cervical cancer.

This involves more gynaecologists to undertake colposcopy and the resultant surgery that would be necessary. Many health authorities are so committed financially that without additional money they can only improve and expand the service for the prevention and treatment of cervical cancer at the expense of the requirements of other groups of patients.

We trust that on this occasion the Government will not only accept the advice on the ways to combat this cancer, but will also provide the means.  
Yours faithfully,  
BARBARA E. CLAYTON (President, The Royal College of Pathologists),  
MALCOLM MACNAUGHTON (President, The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists),  
D.M.D. EVANS (President, British Society for Clinical Cytology),  
The Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carillon House Terrace, SW1, October 9.

## Reykjavik failure

From Professor Ronald Fletcher  
Sir, A simple question hovers persistently over the ruins of the Reykjavik talks. If, as we are told by both sides, agreement could have been reached on the immediate reduction and then complete elimination of nuclear bombs and weapons, followed by procedures of information-sharing and supervised testing (for the development and employment of nuclear power for civil purposes) which would prevent any future manufacture of them, what need would remain for Star Wars?

The need for a strategic defence initiative of this kind would have been removed and the research sums devoted to it could be redirected to the study of other problems pressing upon the modern world — perhaps, even, to a co-operative and constructive strategic peace initiative.

What, one wonders, is the answer of the Americans to this question? Why — with the removal of the problem so closely and realistically in sight; something which the whole of mankind surely desires — do they continue to insist on a programme which would be unnecessary?  
Yours sincerely,  
RONALD FLETCHER,  
Cranmer,  
Halesworth Road,  
Reydon,  
Southwold, Suffolk,  
October 13.

From Mr W.A. Wilson  
Sir, Monsignor Bruce Kent (October 6) may be right to maintain that the use of nuclear weapons is impossible without general catastrophe resulting. But that forecast is based on the premise that both of the sides possess such weapons.  
If a non-nuclear Britain under Labour came to blows with a nuclear power the war would be limited indeed. Mr Kinnock would simply lose his beloved country.  
Yours faithfully,  
W.A. WILSON,  
Danesfield House,  
Holly Bank Road,  
Hook Heath,  
Woking, Surrey,  
October 6.

## Merits of VAT

From Dr F. E. Jones, FRs  
Sir, The point raised by Mr R. J. Pelly (October 2) is a very valid one. PAYE, National Insurance, rates and corporation tax account for 31 to 32 per cent of the wealth created (added value) by UK manufacturing industry and this amount is built into the cost price of goods made here and has to be recovered from customers both at home and abroad.  
The parallel figure for Japan lies between 21 and 22 per cent and this is due to much lower rates of

## Rise and fall of racing drivers

From Mr N. P. Goozee  
Sir, I read with much interest James Hunt's profile (October 9) of Nigel Mansell. Having been involved in motor racing since 1963 and now managing the design and construction side of a top UK-based American team, I have seen many drivers rise and fall, very few, unfortunately, being best remembered for their pleasant personalities.

However, during the seventies and eighties a major transition took place whereby motor racing ceased to be a sport in the true meaning of the word, reverting instead to a highly sophisticated commercial activity requiring budgets of many millions of pounds to compete at the senior level.

Without wishing to appear ungrateful to those who ultimately provide the incomes not only of myself but the other "insiders", as James Hunt called us, team owners have, out of necessity in many cases, become puppets to their sponsors, who are in turn able to dictate the choice of drivers etc.  
In return, the driver, as the focal point of any team, has to be a marketable asset and should be able to live up to the expectations

of the sponsor, either in race track results or off-track charisma, he can be discarded as a usable commodity. Unfortunately, there are many highly talented drivers effectively unemployed, their only crime being an unreliable team or a non-saleable face.

As a keen supporter of Nigel Mansell and the Williams team, with whom we are closely associated, I sincerely hope that he wins the world championship. Inwardly, though, I fear for him. Very few drivers who actually become world champion can resist the enormous temptations and pressures, deny themselves the hype and glory and continue to do the job they are employed to do in the same effective manner.

Should Mansell win the world championship I sincerely hope that he can retain his "disarming honesty, working-class charm and naivety", as described by James Hunt, because, should he succeed in doing so, the achievement will be greater than that of winning the championship.  
I remain, yours faithfully,  
N. P. GOOZEE (Manager, Peaseke Cars Ltd),  
27 Highland Road,  
Wimborne Minster, Dorset,  
October 10.

## Support for sport

From the General Secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation

Sir, There can be little doubt that one of the most enlightened amendments to an Education Bill as far as sport is concerned has been tabled by Mr William Cash, MP, who, in the debate on October 21, will be seeking support for his suggestion that local education authorities should be required to ensure that adequate opportunities for young people to be coached and to take part in competitive sporting activity should be made possible.

The reaction of the Education Secretary, Mr Kenneth Baker, reported in your paper on October 16, is both unfortunate and damaging. As the national association of all sport in this country the CCPR is convinced that the

British public regard the involvement of young people in sports participation as an important priority. State schools possess an enormous range of sporting facilities, provided at great public cost, which, at present, are increasingly underused by schoolchildren and the local community.

It is the CCPR's firm conviction that if a serious effort was to be made by government to rekindle interest in sports action then British society could only benefit. The amendment tabled by Mr Cash contains a cost-limitation factor and is in line with what British sport felt was the general policy thrust of this Government.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER LAWSON,  
General Secretary,  
The Central Council of Physical Recreation,  
Francis House, Francis Street, SW1.

## Football violence

From Mr Ivor Benveniste

Sir, Most of football's problems have been caused by the inability of the Football League Management Committee to act positively, but few decisions have been so provocative as the one to exclude Luton Town from playing in the Littlewoods Cup. Consequently, the Government are likely to renew pressure for the creation of a membership system for football spectators.

There are three arguments against instituting such a system. First, it is alleged that "floating" supporters will be prevented from attending matches. However, league attendances are falling every year and unless something is done soon this decline will continue. Short-term losses in spectator attendance are likely to be counteracted by increases in family support if hooliganism can be eradicated.  
Secondly, it is alleged that the

cost of instituting a membership system would be beyond the means of the Football League. However, this could be financed out of the funds that are distributed to clubs from the Pools Promoters Association and television companies.

Thirdly, the argument that loss of away supporters reduces the atmosphere created at football matches is inconsistent with the experiences of the National Football League (which comprises 28 teams across the USA and where travelling distances are prohibitive).

Football is in need of a talented chief executive to run the industry. However, are the football club chairmen ready to take such a bold and progressive step in order to protect the national game?  
Yours faithfully,  
I. BENVENISTE,  
Training Director,  
Levy Gee Training Limited,  
100 Chalk Farm Road, NW1.

## City colleges plan

From Mrs C. M. Handley

Sir, The Government is to be congratulated on the concept of city colleges of technology, but not, perhaps, on the plan to admit pupils to them at the age of 11.

The city colleges are needed because it is now clear that the teaching profession cannot attract enough highly qualified graduates in mathematics and the sciences to staff every school in the country. But there is a great need for exceptionally talented pupils to meet specially talented teachers in the company of their intellectual equals, if their learning is to be exciting enough to encourage them to develop their abilities to the full. The city colleges will also provide a useful growth point for secondments from industry to teaching and vice versa.

However, I believe that there is a grave risk of repeating the mistakes of the past if entry to the city colleges is to be at the age of 11. It is my experience, as the former headmistress of an inner-London school (a grammar school until 1976 and then a comprehensive school) that talent is sometimes detectable at 11, but its direction and potential are seldom clear.

This is partly because neither maintained primary schools nor private prep schools have extensive facilities for the teaching of science. Pupils do not, therefore, have full opportunities to discover their own interests and abilities until they reach secondary school. Their personal and psychological development on the path from childhood to adolescence is also significant in fixing their future interests.

If the city colleges were to admit pupils at the age of 13 selection would be more effective, since there would be more evidence of the applicants' ability and inclination to pursue such a course of

study. There would still be time, since these pupils will presumably be of high ability, to provide a fast-moving and stimulating curriculum, but they would have a further two years to rub shoulders with contemporaries of all abilities and more time to discover if their own aspirations match the ambitions of their parents.  
Yours faithfully,  
CAROL HANDLEY,  
Colt House, High Street,  
Little Eversden, Cambridge.

## Schools guide

From the President of the Secondary Heads Association

Sir, "The Good Schools Guide" (October 6-10), so prominently endorsed in your recent pages, is, of course, nothing of the sort. It is a very limited, very local and highly partial description of some aspects of some schools, and informed readers will recognise it as such.

What makes it so depressing, however, is the total irrelevancy of its concept of "standards" to what this country actually needs from its schools.

The industrialists I meet, and many of the employers, are adamant that we need competent, confident young people, involved in their own education and committed to it, able to apply what they have learned and to communicate it. And they insist that we need these qualities in all our young people — not just a handful of Oxbridge high fliers, not even the paltry 24 per cent of them who continue their full-time education beyond the age of 16.

So where are the schools that are meeting these needs? And what are you doing, Sir, to identify and encourage them?  
Yours faithfully,  
M. N. DUFFY, President,  
Secondary Heads Association,  
107 St Paul's Road, NI.

# ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 16 1933

Germany's withdrawal from the disarmament conference surprised other European governments. Rome considered that the decision did "not close all doors", but in Paris suspicion strengthened that Hitler's real objective was rearmament. The United States blamed Germany for a step that "gravely imperilled the instruments of internationalism and ordered peace". The German referendum on November 12 showed 40,535,537 in favour of withdrawal from the League of Nations, 2,066,066 against.

## MOTIVES FOR THE DECISION.

### INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT  
BERLIN, Oct 15  
The German Government announced yesterday its decision to leave the Disarmament Conference, to give the prescribed notice of its withdrawal from the League of Nations, and to hold a Referendum on the issue, combined with a General Election, on November 12. According to the first brief announcement, the decision was taken "in view of the humiliating and degrading demands of the other Powers at the Disarmament Conference." This announcement was followed by a manifesto from the Government to the nation and a manifesto signed by Herr Hitler personally, which were made known to representatives of the Press by Dr Goebbels, the Minister for National Enlightenment and Propaganda.

The Government's appeal says that the German people are at one in the "will to pursue a policy of peace" and they give an assurance of their readiness to destroy even the last German machine-gun and discharge the last man from the army as long as the other nations decide to do the same. They believe that to concede Germany's equality of rights is the "unavoidable moral and actual condition" for any participation in international institutions and treaties. The Government and people are therefore one in the decision to leave the Disarmament Conference and to withdraw from the League of Nations until this real equality of rights is no longer withheld. The Reich Government puts to the German people the question: "Does the German people approve the policy of its Government, and is it ready to affirm and solemnly to pledge itself to this policy as the expression of its own view and its own will?"

### NAZI LEADERS' TACTICS

The dramatic suddenness with which the Government's decision was announced and the style of the various appeals suggests that certain of the principal Nazi leaders had more influence on the drafting than representatives of the older diplomatic and administrative school...

From the point of view of internal politics it must be regarded as a brilliant stroke, as long as the calculation that the other Powers will hesitate to take serious action proves right. At one and the same time the move will serve to distract attention from the Reichstag free trial, which has not been going very well from the regime's point of view; to stimulate the enthusiasm of the Government's supporters, which has shown signs of giving way everywhere to discontent; to provide the Government with a vote of confidence on an issue of national honour which no German can dare to disregard; to rid the Reichstag of all risks of the party system; and to lay the foundation for the proposed regional reorganization of the Reich...

The issue is well chosen as a means of stiffening the German people behind the regime. In the eyes of practically every German, this country has been cheated year after year by the non-fulfilment of the general disarmament undertaking in the Treaty of Versailles, and more recently of the principle of equality embodied in the December declaration and the MacDonald plan...

## Squeezed in

From Mrs Valerie Murray  
Sir, Recently I had occasion to accompany an invalid on a flight to Heathrow. The service was splendid, but the size of the wheel chair left a deal to be desired.

I weigh some 8½ stone and could therefore just be comfortably accommodated. My travelling companion was a normal 12-13 stone chap and squeezing him into this conveyance was far from easy. Subsequently I have heard complaints from more corpulent people in similar circumstances. Heathrow and Gatwick are not alone. As far as I am able to ascertain, the average airport invalid chairs and carriages have been designed and constructed for exceptionally slender persons.  
I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,  
VALERIE MURRAY,  
Calle Posada 10,  
Pueblo Lopez,  
Fuengirola,  
Malaga, Spain.

## Collision course

From Mr Rupert D. H. Bursell  
Sir, If Peter Jones's ramming trials for trimeres come to fruition ("Is this the ship that won at Salamis?", October 9) would it not be a fitting end to *The Great Times Trireme Correspondence* if one were manned by "the indignant mathematicians" and the other by "the innumerate classicists"?  
Yours faithfully,  
RUPERT D. H. BURSELL,  
Brookside,  
74 Church Road,  
Winscombe, Avon.















From Budapest  
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Executive Editor  
Kenneth Fleet

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Bunzl group spends £4.5m

Bunzl, the paper and transport group, has acquired two companies, Stag Plastics from McCrorquodale Group for £2.75 million, and Tredmar Chemicals in Melbourne, Australia, for £1.75 million.

Profits jump

Albert Fisher Group, the fruit and vegetable producer, showed a 12 per cent rise in pretax profits from £3.8 million to £4.4 million in the year ended August 31, on turnover up 37 per cent to £116 million. A final dividend of 0.9375p was paid after a one-for-three scrip issue, making a yearly total of 1.9375p, effectively 50 per cent up on last year.

Aitken rises

Aitken Hume International, the financial services group, announced pretax profits up from £743,000 to £2.7 million for the six months to the end of September. Turnover was 17 per cent higher at £15.6 million. No interim dividend will be paid.

Merger pact

The boards of Eglinton Oil and Gas and Osceola Hydrocarbons have agreed merger terms which they will recommend to shareholders. Eglinton will offer 22 shares plus warrants to subscribe for a further five shares at 18p each for every 30 shares in Osceola.

Broker service

The National & Provincial Building Society will provide a stockbroking service from next year. The society, Britain's seventh largest with 331 branches, will market the new service with Allied Provincial Services, the regional stockbroking group.

Brooke buys

Brooke Tool Engineering has agreed to buy Moore Manufacturing Co. for £1.82 million and Edgar Allen Tools for £685,148. The total will be met through the issue of 8,003,960 new shares.

Payout raised

Abbey Life Group is paying an interim dividend of 2.5p (2.2p) for the six months to June 30. The company says trading in the third quarter has remained at a high level compared with last year.

Shoe losses

The shoe retailers Allchone & Sons reported first-half pretax losses of £300,000 and said full-year prospects depend on pre-Christmas trade and the timing of property disposals.

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MARKET SUMMARY

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Breakthrough for Britain in historic China trade deal

British exporters and Chinese trade officials yesterday signed what was hailed by both sides as the most significant series of trade agreements ever concluded between the two countries. The deals open up opportunities which could bring British companies exports worth several hundred million pounds. The deals have been stage-managed to coincide with the Queen's state visit to China, and marks the conclusion of two days of intensive trade discussions between the two sides, of which the high point was a cruise for Chinese trade officials around the Yangtze river estuary on board the Royal Yacht Britannia, hosted by a group of 25 British exporters. Fourteen separate deals with the Chinese were signed at a formal ceremony and they ranged from a contract for United Biscuits to look into developing a production line for baby foods, to a joint venture between the Chinese and Morgan Crucible to produce refractory materials using advanced technology. Cable and Wireless signed two agreements, the first confirming the joint projects making up the initial phase of the Yangtze Delta development, covering the provision of some 1000km of digital trunk telephone networks which will link 27 cities and towns. The total project cost is estimated at between \$15 million (£10.5 million) and \$20 million (£13.9 million). The second agreement paves the way for further co-operation by agreeing to carry out joint feasibility studies on possible telecommunications infrastructure projects. Plessey Network & Office Systems announced agreement with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications for the establishment of a product supply and technical support centre in China for its range of digital exchanges. APV, the food processing equipment manufacturer, signed a joint venture agreement for the manufacture of plate heat exchangers and other APV products, the company's first direct investment in China. Sir Eric Sharp, president of the Sino-British Trade Council and chairman of Cable and Wireless, said at yesterday's signing that he hoped the trade seminars would become an annual event up to Hong Kong's handover to China in 1997. It became clear also that the £300 million of soft loans recently agreed for Chinese purchases from Britain was unlikely to be extended and might be rearranged to bring greater benefit to smaller companies. Chinese officials told their British hosts that they intended to put into action a 10 to 15-year plan for the development of the Shanghai region, China's most populous conurbation.

Shop sales bounce to best volume rise for two years

Retail sale increases in September were the best in volume terms for two years. And the high level is expected to continue during October, according to the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey panel. Mr John Sattise, the panel chairman, said yesterday: "Clothing shops are the most buoyant, with 36 per cent of the companies surveyed expecting sales in October to be higher than a year ago." Food stores are also doing well with 80 per cent forecasting higher October sales. Builders' merchants reported sales increases above the average. But growth was weaker in the motor trade and farm machinery dealers expect lower sales than a year ago. The September rise in sales volume was faster than expected. Higher sales were reported by 66 per cent of those surveyed, the highest proportion since July 1984. Slightly faster growth was anticipated in October. Strong sales growth in September has been reported by the 21 department stores of the John Lewis Partnership. Weekly increases over last year have ranged from 12 per cent in value to more than 18 per cent. In the week ending October 4, sales at the stores were up 11.7 per cent. Volume sales probably increased at least 9 per cent, allowing for sector inflation. There are signs that economic growth has strengthened since the summer, according to the official cyclical indicators for the economy (written by David Smith, Economics Correspondent). The coincident index, which parallels the economy's present performance, rose in July and August. The index increased to 93.8 in August, from 92.7 in July and 91.8 in June, mainly as a result of strong retail sales. But industrial production remains flat. Officials said there were indications that the weakness of overall economic growth since the middle of last year may have been only temporary. But evidence of an upturn was tentative so far. The longer-leading index, which is dominated by share prices and interest rates, fell last month. The index, for which more recent data is available than for the coincident index, dropped to 102.3 last month from 103.1 in August. But officials said the recent fall in the index did not necessarily presage a downturn in the economy, particularly as the shorter-leading index, tracking movements six months ahead, rose strongly in July and August because of the increase in consumer credit.

Car sales spur US retail total to record high

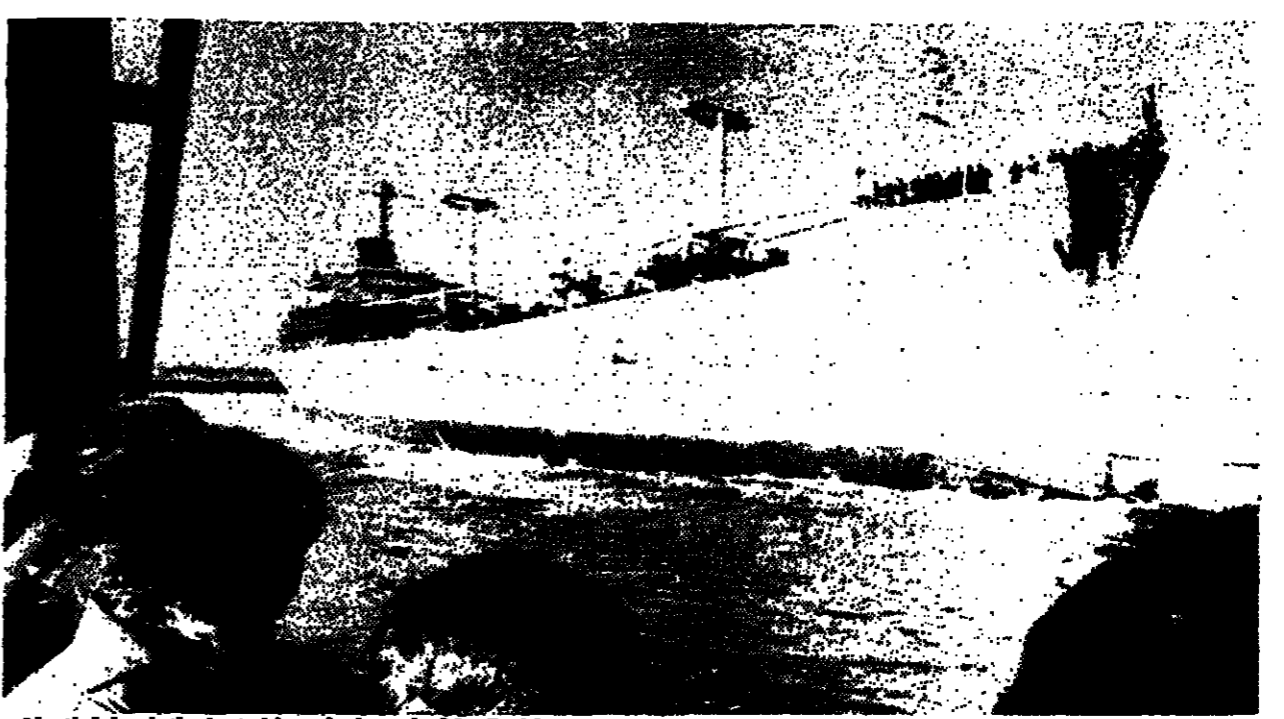
Retail sales in the United States increased a record 4.6 per cent last month, the largest one-month gain in 20 years. Commerce Department officials said yesterday the gains were attributed almost exclusively to the wave of car buying spurred by low interest rates and cut-rate financing programmes offered by the big car manufacturers anxious to clear out high inventories of 1986 models. Total sales in September were \$127.2 billion (£88.5 billion), up by \$5.6 billion from August. This was the biggest gain since May 1975 when sales increased by 4 per cent. Overall, the sales pattern was not healthy, showing gains of only 0.1 per cent when car sales were excluded. This was far weaker than the pattern in August when non-auto sales rose by 0.7 per cent, officials said. Department store purchases decreased by 1.4 per cent last month.

Interest rates firm as dealers await Lawson

Interest rates on the London money markets firmed again yesterday, ahead of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's speech at the Mansion House tonight. Dealers fear that base rates will have to rise again unless Mr Lawson is convincing on monetary policy. This afternoon's figures for the public sector borrowing requirement last month, expected to be about £3 billion, could also upset sentiment. The Bank of England bought a total of £801 million of bills in the money markets yesterday, at rates 1 point above previous levels, exactly reflecting the rise in base rates from 10 to 11 per cent on Tuesday. But money market interest rates edged-up as dealers hedged their bets against a further increase in base rates. The three-month interbank rate rose a quarter of a point to 11 1/8 - 11 1/4 per cent. The pound was steady, with the sterling index unchanged at 67.6. But it gained a third of a cent to \$1.4395 against a dollar hit by the US retail sales figures. The Chancellor, in his speech tonight, will emphasize that this week's increase in base rates, in response to sterling's weakness and a slight upturn in the growth of narrow money, M0, was in line with the model of monetary policy outlined in a speech to the Lombard Association last April. He will also attempt to defuse market criticism of the size and timing of the rate rise. Mr Lawson is also expected to attempt to counter some of the recent gloom on the economy, in particular on the balance of payments. The Chancellor is likely to draw together some of his recent comments on the European Monetary System. He has made it clear that he now sees no significant objections to full British membership of the London Chamber of Commerce yesterday urged the Chancellor to lower interest rates as soon as possible and to seek stability for sterling.

\$560bn plan beats deadline

An important compromise was reached yesterday on a record \$560 billion spending plan for fiscal 1987 by United States House and Senate negotiators that virtually assured passage of the Bill before the midnight deadline when the Government's spending authority expired. The breakthrough came when the negotiators agreed on defence spending outlays of \$291.8 billion (£204 billion) which the White House described as acceptable and a compromise figure of \$13.3 billion for foreign aid programmes. Earlier, President Reagan threatened to veto the omnibus spending bill if the defence numbers, which included \$3.53 billion for the Strategic Defence Initiative, were unacceptable. After the compromise, House officials said they would take the measure to the floor where passage was expected before the deadline. At the same time, Congressional supporters of the American balanced budget law prepared for final battle to restore the automatic spending cut provisions before the start of an election recess, later this week. Sponsors of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law have warned wary Congressmen they may try to delay the recess to force action on the rising deficit, estimated this year at \$230 billion (£159.7 billion), by giving the President's budget director automatic power to impose steep spending cuts. Congressional staff said yesterday that the law and the domestic spending disciplines it imposes will die quietly next year if the measure is not taken up in this session. A majority in the House and a large percentage of the Senate appear to favour its passage.



North Island, the last ship to be launched by Smiths Dock at Middlesbrough, Cleveland, slips into the Tees yesterday.

Rockware first half profits up

Rockware, the glass and plastics container group, made taxable profits of £193,000 in the 26 weeks to June 29, against £106,000 in the previous first half, on turnover marginally lower at £55.8 million. The profits were helped by a £515,000 credit from taking a pension fund holiday. The holiday from contributions will last for two years. Glass trading profits were almost halved to £626,000 because of disruption after the closure of a furnace and provisions of £359,000 against doubtful debts and exchange losses from Zambia and Nigeria. No interim dividend is being paid.

Beazer sells 29% of BM

Beazer, the Bath house-builder, has made a £9 million profit by selling a 29 per cent stake in its construction plant offshoot BM which is now expected to embark on a major expansion programme. There is speculation that it plans to launch a takeover bid for Blackwood Hodge, the earthmoving equipment firm. Beazer placed more than 7 million shares with City institutions but says it intends to hold on to its remaining 25.8 per cent shareholding for at least 12 months. The shares were placed at a discount to the market price of 218p, down 2p.

Helene hit by Barron losses

The fashionwear group Helene of London reported a set back in half-time profits due largely to losses at the dress manufacturer Peter Barron which it acquired only last year. Profits fell from £624,000 last time to £480,000 in the six months to June 30. The board said that the consideration paid for Peter Barron is returnable pound for pound if profits over the next five years are below £300,000 after tax in aggregate. Steps are being taken to correct the situation at Barron. The interim dividend is unchanged at 0.5p.

Rivlin wins

ID & S Rivlin, the former textile company, has won its agreed £42 million bid for Marlborough Property Holdings, transforming itself into a fully-fledged property company. Rivlin's offer was declared unconditional yesterday when acceptances had been received for 86.46 per cent of Marlborough's shares. The combined company will have net assets of £23.96 million. Commercial Property, page 27

City sceptical of Christie bid

After a day of heavy speculation in the shares of Christie's, the City was taking a sceptical view last night of prospects of a takeover bid for the fine art auctioneers from their much smaller rival, Phillips. Christie's shares leapt 51p to 311p in early trading after a statement from Mr Christopher Weston, the Phillips chairman, that there was logic in bringing the two firms together. The two companies would complement each other well, he said. The Christie's board, clearly hostile to the idea, made a brief statement that they had received no approach and that they had not been notified of any new shareholding above the disclosable level of 5 per cent. Apart from the problem of size - Christie's turnover of £360 million last year was six times greater than that of Phillips - any predator would have to contend with the problem of the auctioneer's voting structure. Roughly a third of the group's shares are held in trust and voted as a block. Any of the A shares are first offered to existing holders of other A shares who are senior executives and their families. In case of a bid, they can be presumed to be solidly behind the management. There are two further significant blocks. One of about 10 per cent of the total capital is held by nominees, thought to represent the holdings of Sheikh Nassar Al Sabah Al-Ahmed, a collector who has built up a museum of Muslim art. In the City he is believed to be friendly to Christie's. Another, less than 5 per cent, is in the hands of Midland Bank Nominees. Any hostile bid therefore starts from a difficult position. Analysts also believe that, as a company with a specialist niche in a quality market, Christie's would command a high price in any hostile takeover. On analysts' forecasts of £14 million for Christie's in this financial year, the shares are trading on a prospective multiple of 18 times earnings. Group profits are due for a modest rise next year, but thanks to an expected lower tax charge, earnings per share could rise sharply. The City view is that a bid of less than £4 per Christie's share would be unlikely to have much credibility.

Lloyd's brokers move to insure themselves

Lloyd's insurance brokers, worried by the escalating costs and contracting cover of their errors and omissions insurance policies, are the latest group of professionals to consider setting up a mutual scheme to insure themselves. Both accountants and solicitors have recently announced plans to insure themselves because the conventional insurance market is unable to give the required cover. The move to self-insure comes from small and medium-sized Lloyd's brokers, some of whom feel penalized by their size and what they regard as the underwriters' failure to differentiate between the claims experience of different brokers. Lloyd's insists all brokers must buy errors and omissions cover worth six times their brokerage income.

Emhart in £80m shoe plant sale

BUSM, the Leicester-based former British United Shoe Machinery and one of the biggest manufacturers of footwear machinery, is being sold by Emhart Corporation of the United States for \$115 million (£80 million) in a management buyout. Emhart, which has been following a strategy of moving out of cyclical manufacturing, is selling out to a management team led by Mr John Forster, marketing director, and Mr Neville Burton, production director, together with two other directors, Mr Richard Bates and Mr Lawrence Dowley. The deal is subject to a definitive agreement being drawn up and is expected to take effect next year. Bankers Trust is the lead bank. The buyout includes manufacturing plants in the US, West Germany, Taiwan and Brazil with a total workforce of 2,300. But Leicester is the biggest plant, accounting for more than half the workers. Emhart, which also makes machinery for glass-making and plastics and rubber processing, is retaining its interests in footwear materials.

ISRO chief

Mr Ian Steers, the tough chairman of the International Securities Regulatory Organization (ISRO), who had been strongly tipped as joint chairman of the International Stock Exchange to be formed by the merger of the Stock Exchange and the ISRO grouping of big international traders, is not standing as a candidate. The City last night was that Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange chairman, would head the enlarged stock exchange and that the most likely candidate as chairman of the ISRO was Mr Andrew Large of Swiss Bank.

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APPOINTMENTS

Reshuffle at Legal & General

Legal & General: Mr John Elbourne becomes managing director, life and pensions. Mr Brian Palmer becomes managing director, general insurance. Mr Ted Tilly becomes managing director, (international), Mr John Craddock director (agency), Mr Chris Hairs director (finance) and actuary. Mr Colin Harris becomes director (life), Mr Chris Hatry director (pensions), Mr Mike Jarvis director (information systems) and Mr Michael Kidner director (financial consultancy).

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy: Mr Arnold Marton is elected president.

Hambros Bank: Mr David Tapper is appointed an executive director of the Treasury and Capital Markets Division. ESS-Food (UK) Group: Mr Beat H Knudsen is elected chairman.

John Crowther Group: Mr Richard Tew joins the executive board.

Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association: Mr JD Neville is appointed a director.

Midland Bank: Mr Ian Hay Davison becomes a non-executive director.

Quayle Munro: Mr Robert W L Leggett is made a director.

Laing & Cruickshank Investment Management Services: Mr EN Langley, Mr KOC Merrick and Mr RJ Bolam become directors, investment management division.

Opposition leaders call for British membership of EMS

Base rates rise comes under fire

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

The Government's economic policies came under sharp attack from opposition leaders yesterday after the decision to raise bank base rates by one percentage point to halt the slide in sterling.

Both Labour and SDP leaders claimed that the country was in the grip of a short-lived, pre-election consumer boom founded on easy credit. They said that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, should consider taking Britain into the European Monetary System in order to steady the markets.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said membership of the 'snake' - the arrangement under which Continental states peg their currencies within a closely defined range - would leave foreign exchange dealers in no doubt that Britain was determined to pursue a monetary policy to support the pound, keep inflation down, and restrict consumer credit.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, accused the Government of creating a 'sterling crisis' but was more guarded in his attitude towards the EMS. Britain ought to join, he said, but only when the time was ripe and only under certain conditions.

Entry at a sustainable exchange rate that both encouraged British exports and took account of the deterioration in the balance of payments resulting from the slump in oil revenues.

Mr Hattersley told the General Federation of Trade Unions conference in Manchester that a more stable pattern of exchange rates would undoubtedly help British industry, though the proponents of EMS membership had "grotesquely exaggerated" its benefits. Far more important was a strong economic base generating a strong trading performance.

Dr Owen, speaking in King's Lynn, said that overseas investors had lost faith in the Chancellor and had rumoured the Conservative strategy of "spend now, vote for us, pay later".

GDP growth of 1.4 per cent in the last 12 months while consumer demand rose by 5 per cent was a recipe for continuing sterling crises and uncertainty in the markets about the direction of the British economy.

EMS membership was not a "soft option", he added.

China tie-up for Ulster high-tech power firm

From Robert Rodwell, Belfast

High-technology automated power grid monitoring and control equipment, developed by Circuits and Systems Design, the Ulster company, is to be produced under licence in China.

The software for such equipment, developed in China, is being used by Britain's Central Electricity Generating Board.

The formal announcement of a tie-up between CSD of Lisburn, County Down, and China's Nan Jing Power Automation Company, is expected during the tour of a five-company Ulster industrial mission to China, which left Belfast yesterday.

"We already have a joint venture with Nan Jing under way. They are strong on software and are supporting our efforts in the British market, while we have hardware they are anxious to make for their huge home market," said Mr John Cunningham, CSD founder and chairman, before the mission left.

The companies on the mission have been chosen by the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board for their high-technology products in which China has a licence-building interest after its recent decision to recognize the rights of foreign licensees.

The mission, openly designed to ride on the Queen's coat-tails with visits to Beijing and Shanghai, also includes James Mackie and Sons, the Belfast textile machinery company.

Guthrie back with £8.2m

Guthrie Corporation, the industrial holdings company which returned to the market in June after a five-year absence, yesterday announced pretax profits of £8.2 million (£5.8 million in 1985) for the six months to June 30.

The company is not paying an interim dividend.

Monotype up

Monotype Corporation, the USM-quoted printing equipment manufacturer, lifted profits 43 per cent from £288,000 to £413,000 in the six months to end-June.

Turnover was up from £12,802,000 to £13,275,000, and earnings per share jumped from 1.4p to 2p. An interim dividend of 1.6p is being paid, against 1p last time.

Re-development work on Monotype's plant at Salford, Oxfordshire, is expected to begin next year.

Call for caution on new shipbuilding orders

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A warning was given to the shipping industry yesterday not to allow an improvement in the market for oil tankers to provoke a rush of shipbuilding orders.

Mr Michael Revell, senior vice-president of Marine Midland Bank, said the industry was almost at the end of what had been not only the worst shipping depression in history, but also one of the worst to affect any international industry.

He estimated that during the last three years financial institutions had accepted losses of at least \$2 billion (£1.4 billion) on shipping business.

Ten years ago a total of 70 million tonnes of shipping was on order, compared with about 24 million tonnes now.

But a worrying threat to future market stability must be shipbuilding orders. It could not give the industry any pleasure to see the recent surge in tanker rates stimulating orders, thereby putting the worldwide order book for large tankers at its highest level in seven years, he said.

NI director resigns

News International's director of development, Mr Brian Horton, has resigned and is leaving the company at the end of this month. Mr Horton, a previous foreign editor and managing editor of The Times, has been a director since 1983, responsible for cable and satellite.

Bond names shell for springboard into Hong Kong

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, has revealed the vehicle he will use to spearhead his expansion into Hong Kong and China.

Mr Bond, who recently announced he was paying HK\$1.4 billion (£120 million) for Hong Kong Land's residential property portfolio, is buying a shell company with a listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The shell is Town and City International, which has property in Singapore. The shares closed at their year's high of HK\$0.92 before being suspended yesterday.

Mr Bond will offer HK\$1.13 a share, after all the property interests have been stripped out, and shareholders representing 98.1 per cent of the share capital have already agreed to the deal.

Mr Bond's merchant banker, Morgan Grenfell (Hong Kong), said about one quarter of Town and City's shares would eventually be traded on the market - certainly within six months.



Alan Bond: Company will be very active.

Mr Bond said: "It will be a very active company."

He will use his property purchase as the core of his new company, based in Hong Kong, and will then inject most of his offshore interests.

Mr Bond's announcement is a big boost for the Crown Colony, especially in the wake of Jardine Matheson's move to become domiciled in Bermuda.

Mr Bond had no qualms about being based in Hong Kong after visiting China last year at the same time as Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister. He came back convinced that the Pacific Basin will be a big growth area.

In March last year he set up a liaison office in Hong Kong to seek out takeover opportunities. A number were rejected because the Hong Kong Land deal because he was determined his first move into Hong Kong would cause a big splash.

COMPANY NEWS

- HC SLINGSBY: Figures in £000. Turnover for six months to June 30 was 3,225 (2,862). Pretax profit was 132 (149). Tax was 49 (47) and earnings per share were 8.3p (10.2p). The interim was 1.2p (same).
IRISH GLASS: Figures in £000 for year to June 24. The final dividend was 1.5p making 2.25p (1.5p) for the year. Turnover was 32,670 (32,635). Pretax profit was 1,071 (771). After tax profit was 241 (112). Earnings per share were 11.16p (7.14p).
THE EDINBURGH INVESTMENT TRUST: Figures in £000 for half year to September 30. The interim of 1.48p (1.30p) is payable on December 3. Pretax profit was 9,187 (7,773). Tax was 2,773 (2,536). Earnings per share were 2.23p (1.82p).
VLAKFONTEIN GOLD MINING: The company has entered into a provisional agreement with Gold Fields of South Africa and Gold Fields Property to acquire the title to the May reef, Transvaal, underlying the mineralized area, in consideration for 800,000 new fully paid shares in Vlakfontein, of which 694,424 will accrue to Gold Fields and 105,576 to GF Property.
MEDMINSTER: Final dividend 4.1p, making 6.25p (5.35p) for the year to June 30, payable January 1987. Turnover £11,713,835 (£12,917,074). Pretax profit £573,318 (£465,495). Tax £219,958 (£162,700). Earnings per share 17.67p (15.14p).
BARROW HEPBURN GROUP: The company has sold its Australian subsidiary, Colyer Watson (Vic), for approximately its net asset value of A\$394,000 (£176,000). In its last financial year to December 31, 1985, Colyer, a hide dealer, had a turnover of £3.7 million and made a trading loss of £14,000.
STEEL BROTHERS HOLDINGS: Figures in £ millions. Total turnover for six months to June 30 was 188.6 (191.5). Trading profit before interest and central costs in £000: Europe 1,698 (675); North America 2,041 (2,333); Middle East 2,855 (3,372); Asia Pacific 438 (23). Pretax profit was 5,491 (5,438).
SCANRO HOLDINGS: For the six months to June 30 an interim dividend of 1.5p (1.5p) will be paid on December 19. With figures in (£000), turnover 2,180 (2,100), trading profit 32 (45), investment income 3 (3), interest payable 60 (43), pretax profit 275 (411), tax 99 (123), extraordinary debit 43 (nil), earnings per share 4.31p (9.30p). The board says profits for the full year will be lower than for 1985.
RONALD MARTIN GEORGE: An interim dividend of 1.5p (nil) will be paid on January 2 for the six months to June 30. With figures in £000, turnover 6,300 (4,306), operating profit 759 (512), interest received 2 (3), interest payable 78 (55), pretax profit 683 (460), tax 254 (211), earnings per share 5.5p (3.6p).
DAVIDSON PEARCE: The advertising company has been appointed by Friends' Provident Life Assurance to handle a new £1.5 million corporate campaign, beginning in January 1987.
REMBIA RUBBER: Figures for the half year to June 30 in £000. Turnover 18,998 (24,128). Pretax profit 37,334 (31,493). Tax 12,300 (17,300). Earnings per share 0.65p (0.89p).
HONDA: Six months to August 31. Net profit 46.32 billion yen, or £205 million (£2.49 billion yen), pretax profit 98.04 billion yen (183.78 billion yen), sales 1,444 billion yen (1,507 billion yen).
FOGARTY: Six months to June 30 (figures in £000). Interim dividend 1.6p (same), pretax profit 126 (\$10) and earnings per ordinary share 0.2p (2.7p).
GEORGE DEW: Allied Plant Group has purchased or received acceptances in respect of an aggregate of 6,097,933 George Dew ordinary shares (76.2 per cent). The offer has been declared unconditional as to acceptances on October 16 and remains open until further notice.
LEISURE INVESTMENTS: Dividend 0.5p (nil) for the year to June 30. Figures in £000. Turnover 3,069 (2,501), gross profit 2,170 (1,488), profit before tax 808 (403) and eps 2.97p (1.92p).

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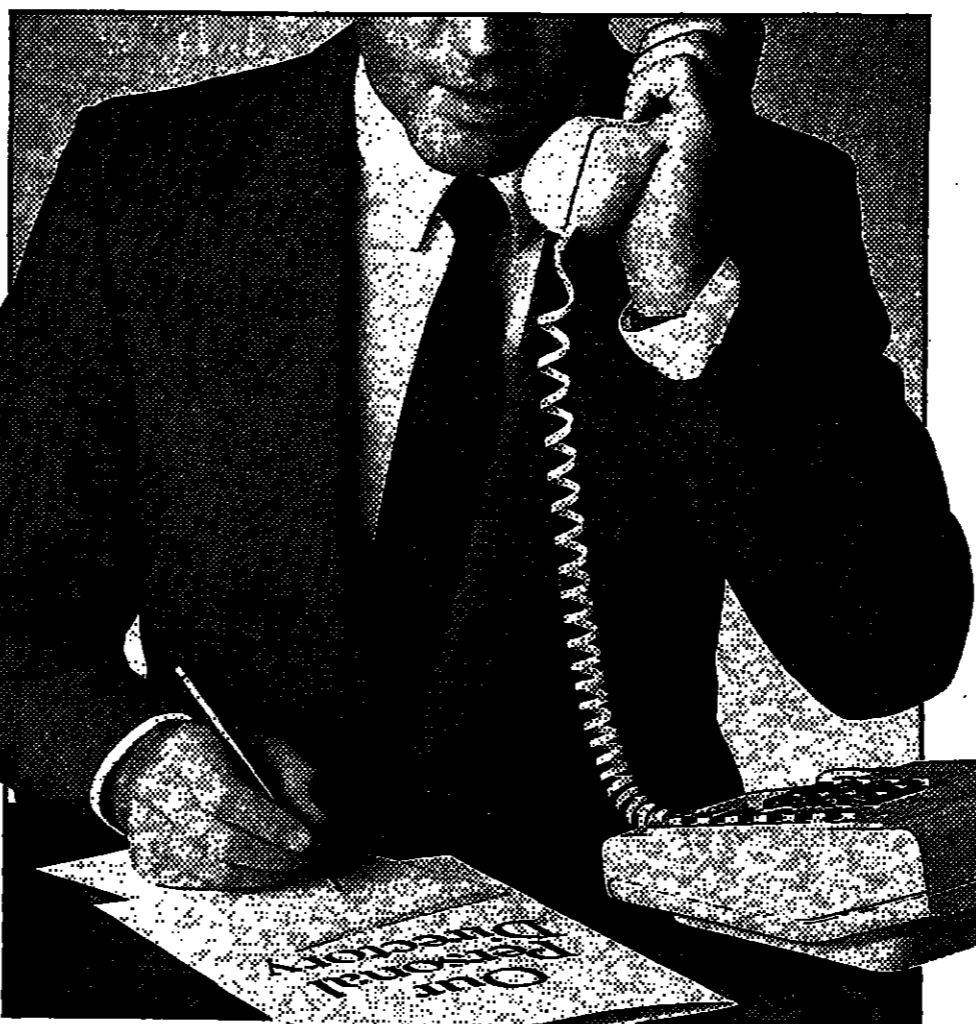
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PROPERTY

### Merchant developer plans SE debut

City Merchant Developers, the property company set up by Mr Mauda Landau after an £18 million management buyout from Guinness Peat Properties, will come to the stock market for a full listing next spring.

At the same time CMD will be injected into ID & S Rivlin, the former textile company and property shell, whose agreed £42 million bid for Marlborough Property Holdings went unconditional yesterday.

It will be the final piece in a complicated jigsaw which has been rapidly assembled by Mr Landau since the buyout 18 months ago.

The news comes in a week when CMD and its development partner Britel, the parent of the Hammons Group, aims to have a one million sq ft office development programme in the City of London by the end of the year. After its purchase of Stone House in Bishopsgate, it has bought another City freehold, the 25,000 sq ft scheme being developed by Higgs & Hill Developments near the Royal Mint site. Hammons, now has an 800,000 sq ft development programme in the City.

Landau is also a director of the fund for British Telecom, were appointed by the Crown Estate Commissioners to develop the site of the Royal Mint on the eastern edge of the City.

It is CMD's biggest undertaking so far at about £200 million. But the company is no stranger to office schemes in the Square Mile and it has worked with Britel before.

CMD's connection with Rivlin began when Rivlin bought 1.6 million of properties from CMD. In return the fledgling property company obtained 29.2 per cent of the textile firm. Mr Landau joined the Rivlin board with CMD's chairman, Sir Anthony Joffe.

CMD's stake in Rivlin drops to about 6 per cent on the acquisition of Marlborough. But CMD's board made it clear that it would offer all its issued share capital to Rivlin "at the appropriate time in the future". That time appears to have been set for early next year, completing the transformation into a significant property company with net assets of £40 million and a market capitalization of about £70 million.

Mr Landau is a firm believer in expanding the property company's asset base, which he aims to make £100 million.

"I regard net asset value growth as crucial. The development programme which for CMD stands at about £400 million, will be expanded but we will be careful to cover the risk," he said.

Rivlin will be an "institutional" property company. The quality of its portfolio will be of a kind to appeal to institutional investors. And Mr Landau will only develop schemes which are or are likely to be pre-funded by pension funds and insurance companies.

This means that the developer has to give away a large slice of the development profits to secure funding but it is a conservative philosophy which appeals to CMD's founder.

The desire to appeal to institutions means that some of the tender offer for 25 per cent of Baker Harris Saunders Group, the first commercial estate agent to come to the market, has been oversubscribed. The level of over-subscription and the allocation basis for shares will be announced today.

properties from the Marlborough portfolio will be sold. But there are development opportunities within it which are being explored.

New areas of income-producing activity are also being examined. Mr Jonathan Sief, the general manager of Rivlin, has experience in the retail motor trade. He believes there are undervalued property assets waiting to be exploited in the sector.

A building management company may be established in response to the increasing need to manage property actively and maintain its value.

The Spitalfields Development Group, the consortium of London & Edinburgh Trust, Balfour Beatty and County Properties, is to join other developers in tendering for the chance to redevelop Spitalfields Market on the eastern fringe of the City of London.

SDG's hopes of dealing exclusively with the City of London Corporation, the market's owner, were dashed this week when the Corporation rejected the company's £150 million offer to build 1.3 million sq ft of offices on the site. SDG is to scale down the amount of offices proposed on the site.

**Judith Huntley**  
Commercial Property Correspondent

ECONOMIC VIEW

## Why markets want to see a born-again Chancellor

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor's task in his speech at the Mansion House tonight is to convince the financial markets that a one percentage point rise in interest rates is the appropriate response to present monetary conditions and the recent pressure on sterling.

There are two possible approaches: one is to convince his listeners that if there is any financial laxity, it is adequately countered by a rise in rates of only one percentage point (difficult), and the other is to demonstrate that a clearer framework for monetary control is about to be put in place (unlikely).

The main arguments for discounting a large part of this year's rise in the broad measure of the money supply, M3, are three. First, the high-interest accounts which the banks have been offering in response to building society competition since 1984 have attracted a lot of money into bank deposits - and therefore into M3 - which would previously have been put into building societies. This money, it can be argued, is really savings rather than money held for transactions and is not therefore an immediate threat to inflation.

Secondly, the steep rise in people's wealth held in the form of houses or shares may have encouraged them to hold greater quantities of liquid assets to keep their liquidity ratio roughly stable. This, too, would not necessarily imply a surge in spending and inflation. Mr Giles Keating, chief economist with Credit Suisse First Boston, has refined this argument further by pointing out that most of the liquidity released by the boom in house prices accrues to those moving from larger houses to smaller houses. Typically, these are people reaching retirement who can be expected to regard the proceeds as savings rather than pocket money.

Thirdly, inflation has recently fallen faster than expected. When an asset depreciates more slowly, people are inclined to hold more of it, so there is a step change in the stock of money held.

All these arguments have something in them. The trouble is they were all used in 1972-73 after the institutional changes involved in Competition and Credit Control. And on that occasion the rise in money did come tumbling through to prices.

Undoubtedly the markets would accept the present level of interest rates if they were offered some tangible renewal of the commitment to firm monetary control. One possibility is that the Government

could return to the policy abandoned a year ago of overfunding the borrowing requirement and so taking the direct action to run down bank deposits.

The trouble with this - apart from the embarrassment of making a U-turn - is that its effect is to raise the cost of the Government's long-term borrowings and reduce the yield on its short-term lending, exactly the reverse of a sensible approach when the objective is to bring down inflation and interest rates.

A second possibility would be for the Government to allow markets to determine interest rates and abandon the paraphernalia of signals from the Bank of England and other forms of market management.

Attractive in theory, the likely increase in interest rate volatility has always scared the Government away in the past.

Thirdly, Britain could join the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. This alternative is beginning to seem like a panacea. It is nothing of the kind. There is every likelihood that if Britain were already a member, the Government would still be raising interest rates, though arguably from lower levels. Linking Britain to West German levels of inflation is not an easy option - that is why the market likes it. And it is the fear that sterling would regularly have to devalue within the system

that inclines the Prime Minister to stay out.

On the other hand, sterling has had to be devalued anyway, and the devaluation of the past fortnight has not exactly gone unnoticed. It might even be less obvious in the context of the general realignments favoured by EMS countries - that is one reason why France wants Britain in.

There is no doubt that the view in markets is that the additional certainty in relation to what is regarded as a very unstable currency would enable the general level of Britain's interest rates to be brought down nearer to those of our competitors. Rates would still fluctuate, but around a lower average level. On balance it is worth going in. And when better to do so than at Big Bang?

## Jobless picture brightens

Today's unemployment figures will show a record total as this year's school leavers join the register of job seekers. But the outlook seems considerably more favourable.

Much of the likely improvement in the trend will come from the Government's special employment measures. The most significant of the announcements by Lord Young, the Employment Secretary, at last week's Conservative Party conference was the decision to extend the Re-start programme from those out of work for more than 12 months to those without work for more than six months. This suggests that first impressions of the 12-month scheme are very encouraging.

Re-start involves inviting everyone of the longer-term unemployed to an interview with a counsellor. Insofar as Re-start simply acts as a strainer for separating people into existing schemes, it does nothing further to reduce the total. But, in addition, about 10 per cent of the longer-term unemployed drop off the register after the first or second interview, usually because they were not really available for work in the first place.

The big question is how long do those leaving the register stay off? The pilot Re-start only started last January and national coverage from July, so evidence is still patchy. But the first indications are relatively encouraging. The average stay off the register is already more than 20 weeks and could well stabilize at about 40 weeks; in other words, once off the register, those who have been cheating the system should

### YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN EEC (1985)

Country	%
Luxembourg	7
Germany	11
Denmark	13
Netherlands	17
United Kingdom	19
Portugal (1984)	20
Greece	23
France	25
Ireland	25
Belgium	25
Italy	35
Spain	44

centrally to qualify for unemployment benefits was removed, not all the longer-term unemployed are aware of the opportunities available.

More important for the longer term would be a revival of growth in the economy. But the combined effect of the special measures and renewed growth could be to produce a significant change in trend in unemployment at a politically crucial time for the Government.

stay off it for the best part of a year.

The total number of people out of work for more than 12 months is about 1.4 million, so if the present Re-start reduces this by a tenth, employment could as a result be about 140,000 lower by next spring when interviewing will have been completed.

The number of people who have been out of work for more than six months but less than 12 is about 600,000. Nobody can say whether Re-start will do as much for them as it has for those who have been out of work longer, but if it did that would take off another 60,000.

The other big expansion of the special measures in prospect is the extension of the Youth Training Scheme to two years for 16-year-olds. Announced in the 1985 "Budget for Jobs," this provides that this year's school-leavers can stay in the YTS for a further year from autumn 1987 if by then they do not have a job. With 30-40 per cent of YTS graduates now joining the register, the effect could be to keep at least 100,000 young people in training instead of on the dole from next autumn.

Poland is in danger of failing to meet this year's debt repayments because of a dwindling trade surplus and Western creditors' refusal to give fresh loans, according to diplomats and economists in Warsaw.

One Western diplomat said that it was a "foregone conclusion" that Poland

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

### Avoid the new sport of Panel-beating

It was always on the cards that with Big Bang just around the corner, life would become tougher for the referees and linesmen whose lot it is to keep the City in order. The Takeover Panel faces a more difficult task than most, keeping in check aggressive corporate financiers whose reputations, and indeed fee-earning capacity, will depend more than ever before upon winning.

A great deal is riding on today's full meeting of the Takeover Panel, convened to discuss the mysteries of the failure by a hairbreadth margin of Turner & Newall's bid for the AE automotive engineering group. Unless the circumstances are unravelled in full for all to see, and guilt or innocence clearly established to the City's satisfaction, we can expect a sharp rise in the popularity of panel-beating as a spectator sport.

The odd circumstances surrounding many baffling purchases and sales of shares in the Westland affair have to this day not been explained with the clarity and comprehensiveness appropriate to any system of self regulation worthy of the name. Perhaps the AE/Turner & Newall saga is the last chance before de-regulation to show that the tried and tested ways of achieving equality of treatment for all shareholders will retain their effectiveness afterwards.

The circumstances could hardly have been more bizarre. Days before the bid came to an end, so far unnamed buyers paid over 240p for shares in the beleaguered AE group. Those shares were crucial in the outcome, for T&N failed to win control of AE by less than 1 per cent of the votes. Within days after the £250 million offer lapsed, more than 10 per cent of AE's equity was placed at around 201p, showing a loss of perhaps £4.5 million to the sellers.

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that in some way the temporary owners of the shares were friendly to AE and were happy to see the company retain its independence. It is for the panel to decide whether and how this apparent benefaction escaped the broadly drawn definitions that might construe it as the action of a concert party.

This much however is clear. An inconclusive outcome, one which fails to reveal both the identity and

motivation of those concerned, would be damaging to the authority of the Panel, and to self-regulation, which is set for even more testing times post-Big Bang. Anything less than a full and clear account of those odd events would leave the lingering possibility that those big enough or clever enough can ride roughshod over the rulebook. That would be a lamentable prelude to October 27.

### Mutual comfort?

Lloyd's brokers are estimated to pay 10 per cent of their brokerage income in professional indemnity costs. Some are paying 20 per cent or more, which has to put a question mark over their long-term viability.

The brokers' difficulties are part and parcel of the soaring rates and contracting capacity in the liability insurance market worldwide. Their problems were exacerbated last year by the withdrawal from the market of Munich Re, the large West German reinsurer which picked up thumping losses on reinsurance from bush fires in Australia. The direct insurer was the Lloyd's broker Sedgwick.

The upshot of Munich's withdrawal was soaring rates. Now all the brokers, from the largest to the smallest, are complaining about the rising cost of professional indemnity as a proportion of total expenses.

The chances of a brokers' mutual succumbing are, however, far from certain. Nicholas Carter, managing director of Nelson Hurst & Marsh, a leading professional indemnity broker, says the rates being charged by underwriters are fair and reflect the claims experience of brokers.

The implication is that Lloyd's brokers have in the past and will continue to attract lawsuits at quite a brisk pace. With the threat of big PCW lawsuits hanging over some of the largest brokers at Lloyd's, underwriters are not likely to start relaxing rates.

An additional difficulty of setting up a mutual is that, although there are 256 Lloyd's brokers, the chances of a reasonable number wanting to share each others risks and insure each other is not believed to be that high. They would be too busy questioning each others' claims experience and quality of business.

## New debt struggle for Poland

Poland is in danger of failing to meet this year's debt repayments because of a dwindling trade surplus and Western creditors' refusal to give fresh loans, according to diplomats and economists in Warsaw.

One Western diplomat said that it was a "foregone conclusion" that Poland

would seek a postponement of year-end payments in talks with the Paris Club of 17 Western creditor governments.

Both sides were, however, preparing the basis of an agreement to reschedule loans. Mr Wojtowicz said. Last year, Poland fell behind in repaying some \$550 million (£382 million) which later had to be rescheduled. Diplomats estimated that a similar amount could be lacking in 1986.

TEMPUS

## Frost on the profits but Bejam's expansion goes on

Expansion by Bejam Group continues rapidly. Eighteen stores were opened last year and another 20 or so are planned for the year to next June. Yet the recent growth in profits can be described only as lacklustre.

Frozen food accounts for 82 per cent of turnover and sales grew by 8 per cent last year. 7 per cent was volume growth of which 5 per cent was attributable to new stores. Food price inflation was just 1 per cent. But other costs, especially wages, grew at a faster rate and net margins fell from 5.9 per cent to 5.3 per cent this year.

Bejam is ever conscious of the chill winds of competition, especially from the leading supermarkets who are devoting increasing amounts of space to frozen food. With Bejam, they are exploiting the rapid growth in high-margin prepared frozen mixes and meals at the expense of the commodity items such as frozen peas. Greater affluence, the high proportion of working women and wider ownership of microwave ovens is fueling this growth.

Bejam is enjoying a spin-off benefit from Victor Value. Its buying power in groceries and chilled foods is allowing Bejam to devote more space to these items in the freezer centres to help it meet the challenge from the supermarkets.

With net debt standing at less than £1 million, the balance sheet is particularly healthy. The initial £5 million proceeds from the sale of Bejam's 50 per cent interest in the fish processor Olaf has been topped up by another £3.4 million. Bejam's share of Olaf's increased profits since the sale. This, and cash flow, has been more than enough to pay for Victor Value.

After capital spending of £26 million in 1985-1986 (including £10.3 million for Victor Value) capital spending in 1986-1987 will be much less since many of the new stores will be leased.

The current year has started well. First quarter results to September show a worthwhile increase, despite

the bad summer which severely affected ice-cream sales and the group should make £23 million for the year as a whole. The prospective multiple of 13 looks undemanding.

### Aitken Hume

Yet again NSR, Aitken Hume's American fund management arm, has come to the rescue. Group results were boosted by a 65 per cent increase in NSR's trading profits to £3 million.

A show of loyalty from NSR saved Aitken Hume from Tranwood Group earlier this year. Net increases for NSR's all-important mutual business, which is growing at the rate of \$100 million a month, amounted to \$0.5 billion. NSR accounted for 110 per cent of trading profits on continuing activities.

These were reduced to £2.8 million after taking into account corporate costs of £1.2 million, a £1.1 million contribution from banking and insurance and a loss of £93,000 from British fund management.

However, there are signs that Aitken Hume is trying to put the past behind it. Property, the subject of past concern, is virtually discontinued. A marketing drive is under way in the banking division, the aim being to increase private-client business, much of which now comes from the Middle East.

Sentinel Insurance has potential: new products are being well received. There is also a gain to be made by managing funds in house. However, fund management in general needs to be streamlined as costs are too high.

Adverse publicity and the threatened takeover have had an adverse effect on private-client business, which has fallen sharply. Total funds under management are £150 million, £60 million of which is unit trust money worth £75 million from Sentinel. Creditability is a major problem both in terms of securing new business and of improving the City image. With profits set to exceed £5

million this year, the p/e ratio is a demanding 21 times held up by residual, but now misplaced, takeover speculation.

It will take time for Aitken Hume to rebuild its reputation. In the meantime, it is a luxury to hold the shares.

### Albert Fisher Group

Bacon may not play a large part in Albert Fisher Group's activities, but the company continues to bring home the avocado, kiwi fruit and mango for its shareholders.

Pretax profits more than doubled to £8.4 million in the year to August 31 and, stripped of its new subsidiaries, the group showed underlying growth of 35 per cent, well above its self-imposed target of 20 per cent, with all three divisions - in Britain and the US and British distribution - performing strongly.

Acquisitions continue to play an important part in Fisher's strategy. A fortnight ago, it paid \$13 million for the Tavilla Group, a Miami fruit and vegetable merchant, and yesterday it announced it was laying out up to \$6 million for Apex, a similar operation in Los Angeles.

The purchases fill in more holes in the Fisher network as it attempts to create a company covering the whole range of food operations. Fisher is quite happy to see the gearing, now around 20 per cent, reach 70 per cent if the target is right, while its shareholders have come to know and love its rights issues.

The company is becoming definitely American-skewed with almost 60 per cent of last year's profits coming from across the Atlantic.

Currency worries notwithstanding, pretax profits should be up to £11 million this year and shareholders have been told to expect a 33 per cent higher dividend. The shares, 1p higher at 195p, stand on a p/e ratio of 13.8, which seems justified by the growth record.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Maxwell scoops 10% of McCorquodale

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Mr Robert Maxwell, millionaire publisher of the Daily Mirror, raided the stock market yesterday, picking up more shares in McCorquodale, the beleaguered specialist printer. Deslers were alerted after learning that Smith New Court, the investment house, was bidding 270p for 1 million shares (2 per cent), compared with the ruling market price, at the time, of 265p. The move, which caught dealers on the hop, lifts Mr Maxwell's stake in McCorquodale, now fighting off a £145 million bid from Norton Opax, to just under 10 per cent. Last week, McCorquodale broke off talks with a mystery white knight, thought to be Eitel, the news agency and financial information group. Mr Maxwell was said to have bought his original stake in McCorquodale to block any merger with Eitel. He already owns 25 per cent of Eitel and would not mind bidding for the rest. His task would be made that much more difficult if Eitel got together with someone else. Meanwhile, Norton Opax is...

Stag plastics business to Bunzl for £2.75 million. Talk during after-hours trading focused on the building sector with dealers convinced that a big bid is just round the corner. Pilkington Bros, English China Clay, Blue Circle and Itstock Johnson were all being tipped as targets. Pilkington led the way with an early rise of 20p to 483p after a report in this column yesterday suggesting that Rio Tinto-Zinc, the mining finance group, had built up a stake in the company. Speculation that RTZ, or even Hanson Trust, may now be ready to pounce boosted the shares again during late trading. They eventually closed 29p higher at 492p. Dealers are talking of a bid of 550p a share, valuing Pilkington at £1.2 billion. English China Clay, often the subject of takeover talk, advanced 15p to 316p hoping for a bid from the acquisitive BTR, which is now thought to be on the look-out for its next target. One leading broker is estimated to have spent £30 million picking up 10 million shares, or 0.5 per cent of the company. ECC carries a price tag of £240 million. Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, rose 12p to 580p amid whispers that the group may be about to receive a bid from Mr Robert Holmes & Court's Bell Resources, Mr John Spavins' Adelaide Steamship and New Zealander Mr Ron Brierley's International Equity are all thought to have built up large stakes in the company. Dealers claim Blue Circle is...

managed a small rally later with longer-dated bonds closing firmer by 1/2 and shorts by some-sixteenth. Among blue chip stocks, Glaxo was the biggest mover, gaining 18p to 948p as analysts re-evaluated their assessments of the company's results. British Telecom firmed 4p to 190p, ICI 5p to 1107p, GKN 14p to 265p and Hawker Siddeley 8p to 447p. Oils were cautiously buoyant with Ultramar putting on 8p to 158p, Shell and BP both up 5p to 913p and 673p respectively. Enterprise 3p to 142p and I C Gas also 3p to the good at 516p. Stores also moved upwards with Burton leading the way at 280p, up 6p. GUS A shares and Marks and Spencer both gained 1p to 970p and 197p, Dixons and Boots 4p to 342p and 235p and Next 3p to 239p. Partly-paid TSB shares firmed another half-penny to 84p, with dealers reporting more buyers than sellers. Other banks also improved. Barclays, Lloyds and Midland all gained a couple and NatWest Westminster firmed 3p to 517p. Telephone Rentals, Britain's biggest independent supplier of switchboard equipment after British Telecom, climbed 8p in late trading to 193p on talk that Phillips, the Dutch electricals giant, was about to bid. vulnerable to a bid and its share price has been hit by cheap cement imports and a dull profits outlook. Richard Johnson slipped 2p to 182p despite recent hopes that it may soon receive a bid from its rival Steels. In 1987, Itstock was on the receiving end of abortive bids from Hepworth Ceramic and Redland. The equity market resumed its upward trend again yesterday, recovering from the shock of the base rate rise. The FT 30-share index closed near its highest level of the day, up 14.1 at 1276.4. The broader-based FT-SE 100 index closed at 1607.5 up 15. Gilt opened easier but...

WALL STREET

Early gain for shares

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares pushed ahead in moderate early trading yesterday as bonds recovered losses which occurred after the report of a 4.6 per cent gain in September retail sales. The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 6.61 points to 1,806.31. Advances led declines by almost two to one on volume of 45 million shares. Amerasia Hess led the actives, up 1 1/2 to 26 1/2.

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Bank of Scotland Base Rate Bank of Scotland announces that, with effect from 15th October, 1986 its Base Rate will be increased from 10.00% per annum to 11.00% per annum.

Tay success Tay Homes, the Yorkshire housebuilder quoted on the unlisted securities market, made pretax profits in the year to the end of July of £1.86 million, a rise 187.5 per cent on the previous year. Turnover rose 25 per cent and the number of units sold increased to 510 from 413.







STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities bounce back

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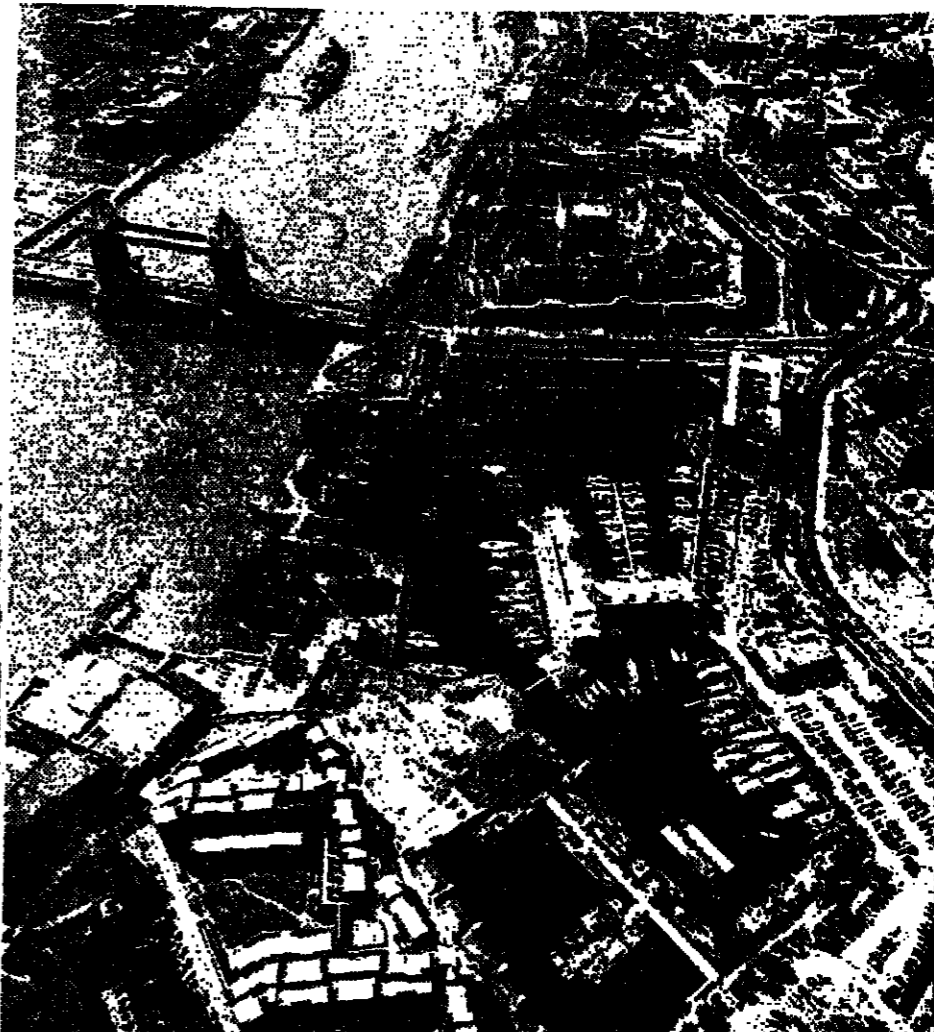
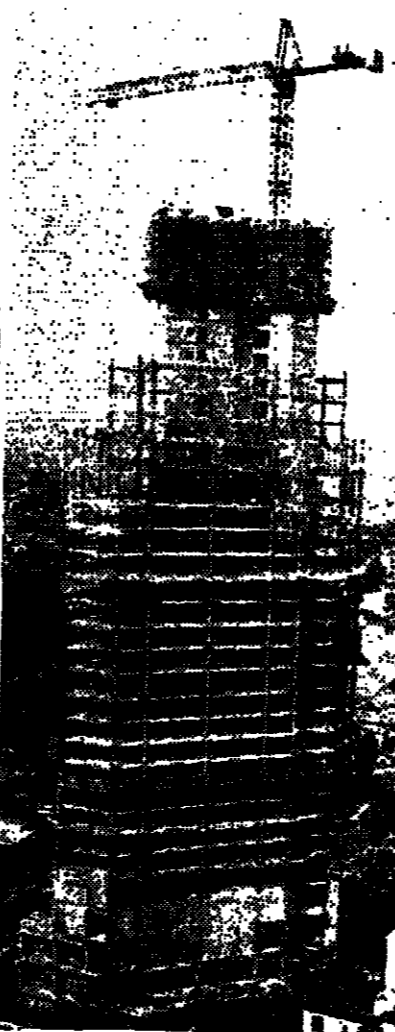
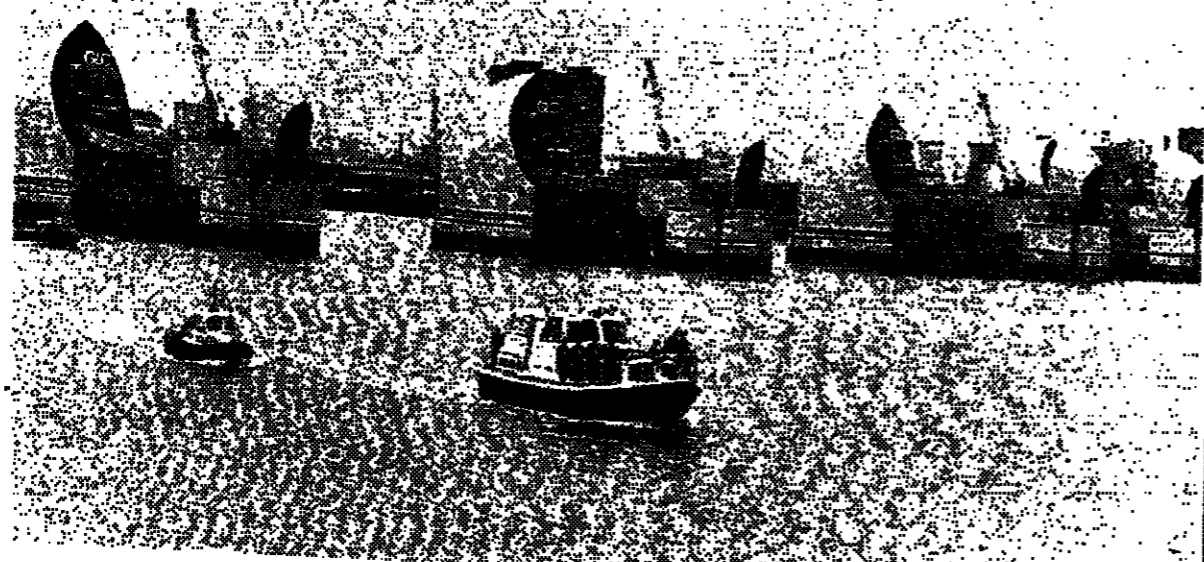
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The professionals behind some of the most prestigious projects at home and abroad last year added millions to our invisible earnings



The £500 million Thames Barrier, above, built by the GLC and an engineering triumph of the modern world; the Jing An Hilton Hotel, under construction in Shanghai, and, far right, St Katharine's Dock, the business, leisure and residential complex by the Tower of London which has created several thousand jobs. British consultants played a leading role in all projects

## Consultants at work, building a worldwide reputation

Water supply in Nigeria, nuclear power for Canada, an underground railway in Hong Kong — these are just three of the many projects which have been keeping British consulting engineers busy. In Britain, the Thames Barrier, Heathrow's Terminal 4 and an automated production line for Austin Rover's Metro are yet more evidence of their work. Consulting engineers are professionals who give independent advice on all matters concerned with engineering at home and abroad.

Many of the 1,200 members of the Association of Consulting Engineers form partnerships to provide a wide range of expertise, while some work alone as specialists in their field.

Together they employ about 30,000 people, of whom two-thirds are technically qualified staff. Last year they earned £562 million in fees from overseas as a contribution to Britain's invisible earnings. At the beginning of the year they were working on overseas projects in 140 countries worldwide to a value of £51 billion.

The expertise of these consultants spans all the engineering disciplines: civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, chemical, building services, mining and metallurgy.

The range of services offered to their clients includes feasibility studies, analyses of the technical and commercial

expertise. One such joint venture covering engineering, architectural and project management consultancy is the British Metro Consultants Group, comprising 10 consultancy firms.

At home, consulting engineers are experiencing an upsurge in demand for their services, mainly from private developers, with work currently in hand about 20 per cent ahead of last year's. Abroad, the newly commissioned work in 1985 was running at twice the level of the previous year.

Fees are negotiated either as a percentage of the total cost of the project or on the basis of payment for the work done. The preparatory work necessary before a client assigns a project to one of perhaps half a dozen contending consultants can be expensive.

How can government help consulting engineers to compete successfully for work abroad, thereby benefiting employment at home and increasing our invisible earnings? The insurance provided by the Export Credits Guarantee Department gives confidence to consultants bidding for work in countries where political unrest or other problems may reduce their chance of receiving full payment for their work.

Major-General Peter Pellereau, secretary of the Association of Consulting Engineers, believes that public spending on infrastructure projects in Britain allows his members to point to their

### To mark 21 years of the British Consultants Bureau, a conference opened yesterday at the London Hilton, running until tomorrow

viability of engineering projects, project management, the recommendation of suitable contractors and assessment of tenders, monitoring quality, materials and financial control.

Sometimes they are called on as arbitrators or expert witnesses in disputes which involve engineering matters and one of their main functions is to prepare and submit the detailed engineering designs required before construction can get underway.

Once the contractor has moved in, it is the consultant's job to supervise the project, ensuring that it is completed safely on time, within budget and to the required standards.

The work on which they are engaged is as varied as the engineering expertise required.

It includes the construction of roads, bridges and tunnels, railways and dams, power stations, factories, hospitals and harbours, irrigation schemes to provide vegetation in the desert, plant to process mined ores, reclamation of land from the sea, energy-efficient buildings.

Ove Arup and partners, Britain's largest consulting-engineering practice, maintains branches in many countries around the world, including Singapore, Malaysia, Zambia and Australia with 60 per cent of its earnings coming from abroad.

It recently completed the construction of a headquarters for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. On some occasions consultants come together to pool their resources and

shop window of projects successfully completed here when bidding for work abroad.

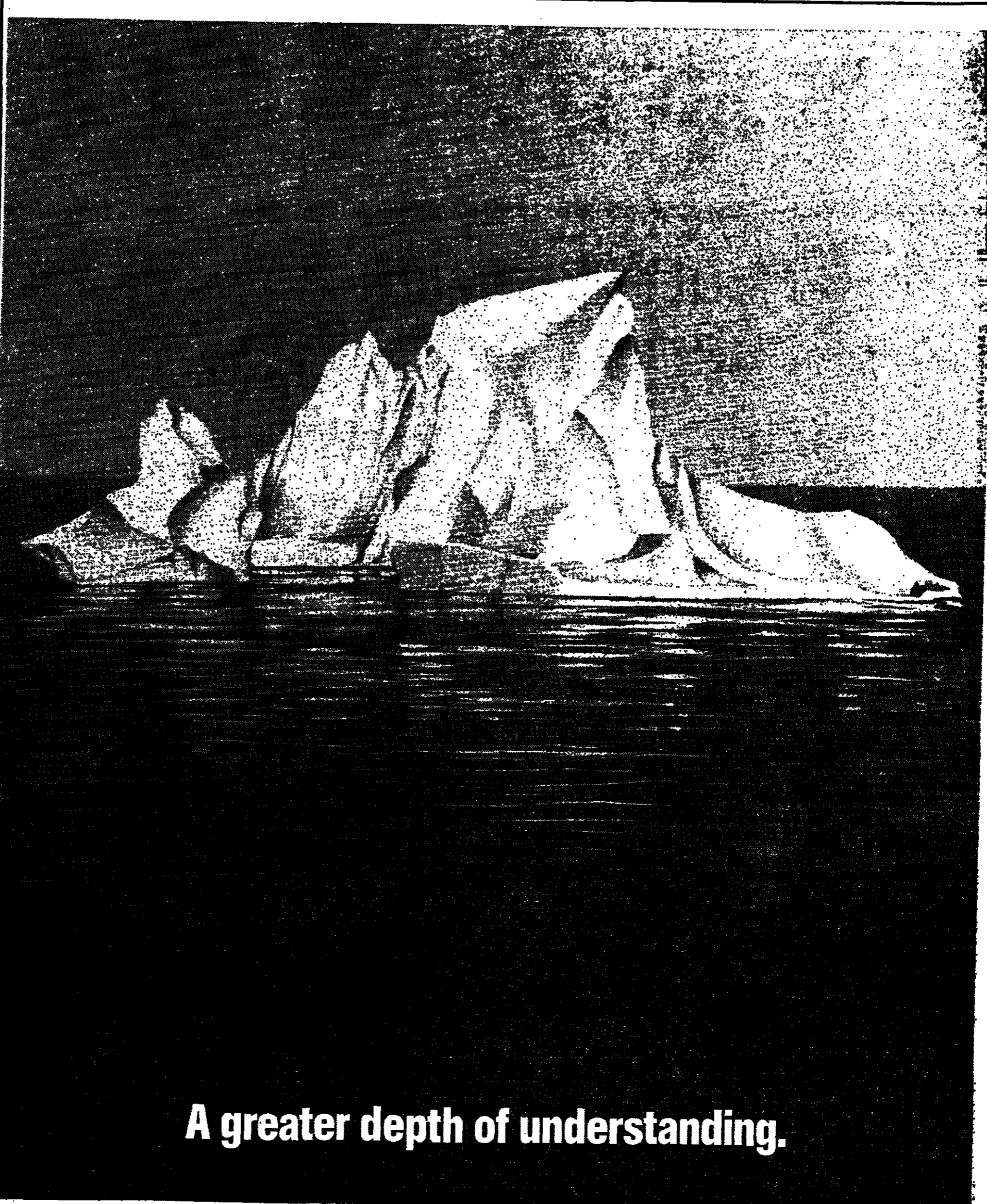
A lack of big projects at home can have a negative effect on bids for work abroad. He says: "The predilection here that price is the only form of competition is reducing quality and the stock of engineering skill in this country."

"Government seems to believe that if you go to three quality consulting engineers, you automatically get a quality solution, but firms are forced to produce engineering designs to a low price and reduce standards. In the United States the shortsightedness of this approach is already recognized."

"Consulting engineers sometimes win a contract only to find that because government finance is involved, they have to take their turn with others and delays are introduced."

"Assistance for consulting engineers could take many forms, including tax arrangements that allow firms to keep the resources required to make bids for contracts overseas, or additional concessions related to the heavy expenditure required to get engineers and their families to and from overseas locations."

Apart from public-sector work in the UK, business is booming. Whatever can be done to ensure that our consulting engineers continue to be competitive and respected throughout the world must benefit invisible earnings and maintain a high level of engineering expertise in Britain. **Noel Harvey**



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Meeting place at the heart of the billions

British consultants earn £1.2 billion a year in professional and consultancy services in invisible exports. The consultants responsible for these earnings are spread across different professional areas, each with its own professional body.

Yet there is a common meeting ground for them all, the British Consultants Bureau (BCB), which now celebrates its 21st year of promoting the export of these invisible services. Forty thousand specialist personnel are employed in consultancy firms that are members of BCB.

Though the BCB's roots lie in consulting engineering, it rapidly opened its doors to all manner of consultants. Today, the BCB has more than 300 members, including nearly all the leading consulting engineers, who comprise 43 per cent of the membership, and more esoteric consultants such as the Wildlife Research Centre.

The professional expertise represented includes agricultural management, architecture, economics, civil, structural, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering, commercial, industrial and financial management, planning, quantity and land surveying.

There is a significant trend in overseas work, particularly in aid-funded projects to involve multi-disciplinary teams of consultants. BCB affords an important meeting place for consultants with disparate professional skills to



Rough riders: consultants surveying and mapping in Tanzania for rice production

Over the last five years, interest in the Third World has centred on food, or the lack of it, but according to planners the major problem that confronts the Third World is massive urbanization.

Harold Dunkerley, a senior adviser at the World Bank responsible for urban projects and policies, estimates that by the year 2000, 40 per cent of the world urban population will be centred in one of 450 cities, most in the developing world, each with a population of more than 11 million.

In the 1970s, to minimize the urban drift, great investment was put into trying to revitalize the agricultural sector. It failed to dam the flood to the cities, and in the last few years there has been an increase in urban projects aimed at the urban poor.

In the 1960s and 1970s the approach was to develop new cities in remote areas such as Brasilia in Brazil, and Abuja in Nigeria. Planners, according to Walter Bor, senior consultant at Llewellyn-Davies Weeks, are undergoing a change in philosophy.

Once the master urban plan predominated, he said: "Plans were products, a means to an end. The emerging

The experts who do more with less

philosophy is that planning is a process. Plans should evolve over time, and be flexible." This viewpoint is clearly established in practices renowned for their work overseas. Sir Andrew Derbyshire, chairman of Robert Matthew, Johnson-Marshall, feels strongly that "the big bang plans are not four-dimensional, they look solely at an end state and can't cope with unexpected pressures. Planning now is to do with the process of achieving, rather than a fixed description of an end state."

This means that British planners are today rarely involved in massive urban development projects. The planner has become actively involved in taking account of the development of new jobs and businesses, integrating houses with jobs and putting employment where people are. The emphasis is on helping the urban dweller to help himself by providing the structure, services and low-cost building materials, like, for example, bringing water,

roads, sewage disposal to squatter developments. The planner in the Third World is an enabler, a manager of urban change and this will be a major theme at the BCB conference in London this week.

The major blockbuster plans were rarely successful. Third-world governments could not maintain prestige developments, which were often monuments to emergent nationalism of little benefit to the population.

The economic depression has put a brake on large-scale plans previously funded by a mix of national and aid schemes. Funding is now predominantly through aid agencies such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, whose own attitudes to development have undergone radical change in the last decade, as seen in the World Bank Urban Division's report, *Learning by Doing* (1982).

British planning consultants find themselves bidding for a far greater number of smaller

projects in which planning is but one element. The cost of bidding for a greater number of smaller projects is prohibitive, which makes the selection process important indeed.

Michael Welbank, chairman of Shankland Cox, says: "We are working on a large number of small projects, which are more difficult to manage. It requires greater internal flexibility. We now employ more senior people and there is less opportunity to develop junior staff."

It leads, says Mr Welbank "to planning on the hoof", a less hidebound attitude of planners, which can make it difficult for consultants to adjust to the slow bureaucratic planning process in the UK.

British planning consultants are held in high esteem abroad. Walter Bor says: "We also bring an experience of having to do more with less. The recession helps, we understand the problem of not having resources and how to handle this."

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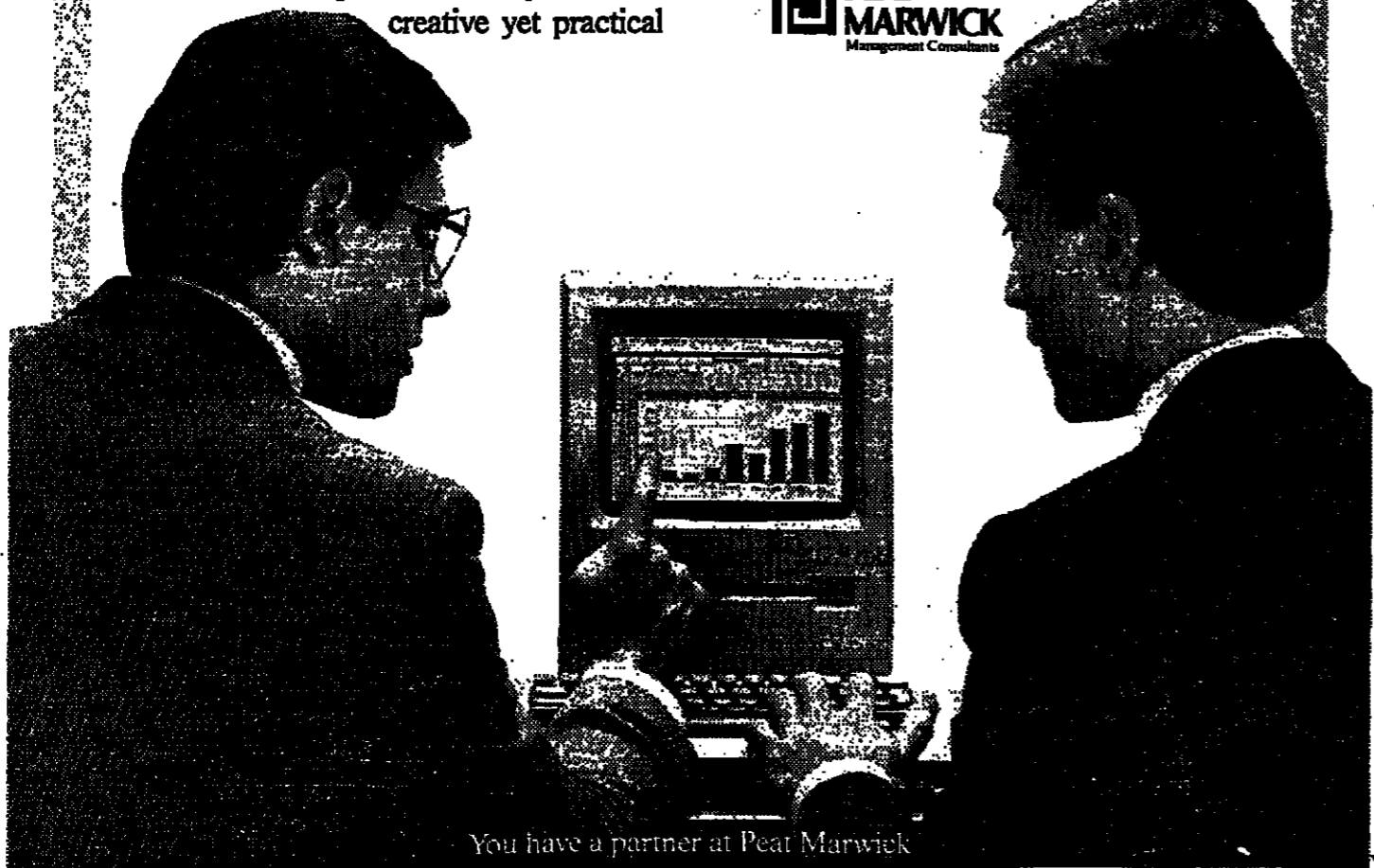
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Tied up with the Big Bang, the Financial Services Bill is to become law next year. This will embody a complete overhaul of the legal framework of the securities industry. It will make it a criminal offence for unauthorized persons to carry on investment business in Britain. The Bill proposes a system of self-regulation in the City.

The objective has been to increase investor protection without jeopardizing London's reputation as an innovative financial centre free from onerous restraints. Overall responsibility for the new City regulations will fall largely to the Securities and Investment Board (SIB). Day-to-day administrations will be handled by a several industry bodies, SROs, whose job will be to ensure that members comply with the business conduct and capital adequacy rules now being drafted.

For some areas of the financial services industry, the Bill will have no direct effect. Lloyd's and Britain's general insurance industry, which together are the biggest contributors to the sector's overseas earnings collecting £3.18 billion in 1985, will be outside its reach. But for others, like the mainly UK-based life insurance and unit-trust industries, the Bill has meant a dramatic re-think in the way products are marketed.

Yet the difficulties faced by some sectors have presented commercial opportunities for others. Accountants, in particular, are among the best placed to benefit from the changes.

In recent years, accountancy firms have been successful in developing the consultancy side of their work. Coopers & Lybrand earned 25 per cent of its £119 million fee income from consultancy in 1985-86, according to a recent survey. Less than 30 per cent of fee income earned by the top accountancy firms now results from the traditional auditing function. Though no precise figures are available, accountants through their link-ups with firms abroad, are thought to be significant earners of overseas income.

The Big Bang should also result in an increased volume of management consultancy work. The speed with which changes have been made in the City has forced some hasty alliances. Accountants will be

trying to capitalize on the new requirements of conglomerates for organizational, structural and systems advice.

The changing legislative climate has already had a commercial spin-off for some accountancy firms. The industry SROs have relied heavily on their services in drafting business rules which meet the requirements of the Bill.

But also on the horizon is a new batch of banking legislation and the Building Societies

Act. Here auditing will take on an important role in supervising the interest of investors.

The future then should be rosy but there are concerns. Some firms will need to examine how they separate their own activities - auditing and corporate finance work are potential areas of conflict - and there may be regulatory problems for firms offering an investment counselling service.

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# Boom time for the management man



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## Big bang year for surveyors

Chartered surveyors will look back on 1986 as a watershed year. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has allowed the firms of its 35,000 members to seek outside funding. Overseas earnings will pass £100 million. (Last year the figure was £99 million, a rise of £7 million-plus on 1984.)

Surveyors come in assorted guises — in estate agencies, as quantity surveyors and in building surveying — and work in at least 140 countries around the world with British and local companies. They can be found mapping for rice production in Tanzania, surveying for gas plants in the United Arab Emirates and managing the construction of Citibank's new branch office in Brazil.

Prudential Insurance group had stepped into the same business and so had Hambros in buying Mann & Company and Hairstow, Eves and forming Hambro Countrywide. The implications are obvious — people who buy houses need financial services, from loans and mortgages to insurance policies.

Though Mr Orchard-Lisle was president of RICS at the time of the rule change, his own firm has not yet felt the need to go with this modernization, although competitors have. They include the City-based firms Baker Harris Saunders and Collier & Madge.

But Michael Pattison, the secretary general of RICS, is optimistic that the move comes at an opportune time, along with the Big Bang, the Financial Services Bill and the Building Societies Act. He talks in positive terms of multiple ownership with such huge price tags attached to big city buildings that few investment funds could support a development on their own.

Healey & Baker is in no hurry to change. It is a partnership of 23 surveyors (all male) established in 1820, and with nearly 450 employees. Most are in Britain but the number abroad, about 60 brings in a healthy share of profits. The first foreign office was in Paris, established in 1971, followed by Brussels, Amsterdam and New York.

Each of the foreign companies is affiliated to the parent company but semi-autonomous, with its own local tax responsibilities. That is especially vital in the United States, where the laws of liability can result in threats of litigation, which Healey & Baker has so far avoided.

Mr Orchard-Lisle said: "In the United States we are mainly working with devel-

The fastest-growing sector of the consultancy industry, in Britain and abroad, is management consultancy. The image of the management consultant, stopwatch in hand, has long faded: it is considered a respected profession.

Management consultancy is a boom industry. The Management Consultants Association (MCA), the association for the larger practices, estimates that its members' income rose from £98,139,000 in 1984 to £142,232,000 in 1985, and that the number of consultants they employ rose in the same period from 2,902 to 3,383.

The types of organizations that need the services of management consultants are increasing and so are the range of specialist services the consultants have to offer.

The boom dates back to the early 1980s, when cash flow and profits in the private sector were severely squeezed.

Companies were pared down ruthlessly, often in the seemingly non-economical areas of personnel, training and management development. Operators were restricted; today the companies are lean and profitable. They have a reduced workforce, but suffer a shortage of specialist skills. Companies now accept the need to acquire that expertise in discreet quantities. It has become increasingly acceptable to buy in skills.

There is, said David Morris of Peat Marwick Management Consultants, "a willingness to spend to get the right answer." In 1985 association members found that private-sector work had risen by 50 per cent. This was brought about, Mr Morris said, by a

combination of economic and political stability combined with competitive instability.

Companies are searching for ways to get a competitive edge. Many organizations see the way forward through the use of information technology (IT) and need the services of management consultants in its selection and implementation.

There has been an enormous growth in the use of IT. In financial terms IT accounts for a third of all association members' work.

IT involves not only the selection of systems and technology, but how to understand and implement new management information and motivate managers and staff to respond positively and effectively to its use.

multi-disciplinary, but at the same time they have had to develop their own new specialist divisions and to increase their client base. The trigger points have been IT, recruitment and training.

Work overseas has to some extent mirrored the UK pattern. In 1985 association members earned £26,280,000 (a 25 per cent increase over 1984) from work overseas, although this year the increase has been more modest.

The EEC accounts for £10 million, the rest of Europe £3 million, the Middle East and North Africa £4.5 million, Africa south of the Sahara £4 million and North America and the Far East £2 million each.

Brian O'Rourke, director of the

changing rapidly. This is partly because of World Bank policy, which is moving from large-scale, capital-intensive projects, to institutional development.

The Middle East, despite a dip in the market remains a demanding area for consultancy, with funding coming from private and state sectors. However, Europe remains the main trading area, despite national variations often based on legal and social differences.

The problems are much the same, although there is one area in which British consultants differ from their European counterparts. Traditionally in Britain many of the larger practices are offshoots of accounting and auditing firms.

Since a Department of Trade and Industry consultative document, British firms may be pushed into separating their auditing service from their management consultancy arm. This has not been well-received within the industry and is likely to be vigorously opposed.

## National boundaries seem to be shrinking, partly as a result of the needs of the multinationals

A further stimulus to expansion has been the Big Bang. Financial work from feasibility studies to strategic planning and recruitment has been a major source.

Perhaps the most surprising area of growth for management consultants is the public sector. The boom originated in the 1980s with the Government's value-for-money policy. The association reports public-sector work up 30 per cent in 1984.

There has been an enormous growth in cost-cutting exercises, but preparation for privatization has also meant a ready market for skills that help to change corporate culture by changing values, attitudes and beliefs.

The new growth areas have forced management consultants to become

association, is encouraged by the level of overseas activity and the development of new markets. Britain has been successful for several reasons. First, with Commonwealth countries there are traditional trading links and the structure of the legal system and parastatal and utility companies are similar to those in Britain.

The English language is a major selling factor and it seems that the British management consultancy industry is more overseas-orientated than its international counterparts. In addition, consultants claim that British consultancy is more advanced than that of most of its competitors.

The nature of management consultancy in the developing world is

National boundaries, however, appear to be shrinking, partly as a result of the needs of the multinationals. Increasingly in many sectors there is a global market, for example in banking. The spread of IT is also hastening this blurring of national distinctions.

This new internationalism may well be discussed at the first International Congress of Institutes of Management Consultants, which will be held in Paris next spring. But at present it is the larger practices with overseas offices who have the edge on their smaller colleagues.

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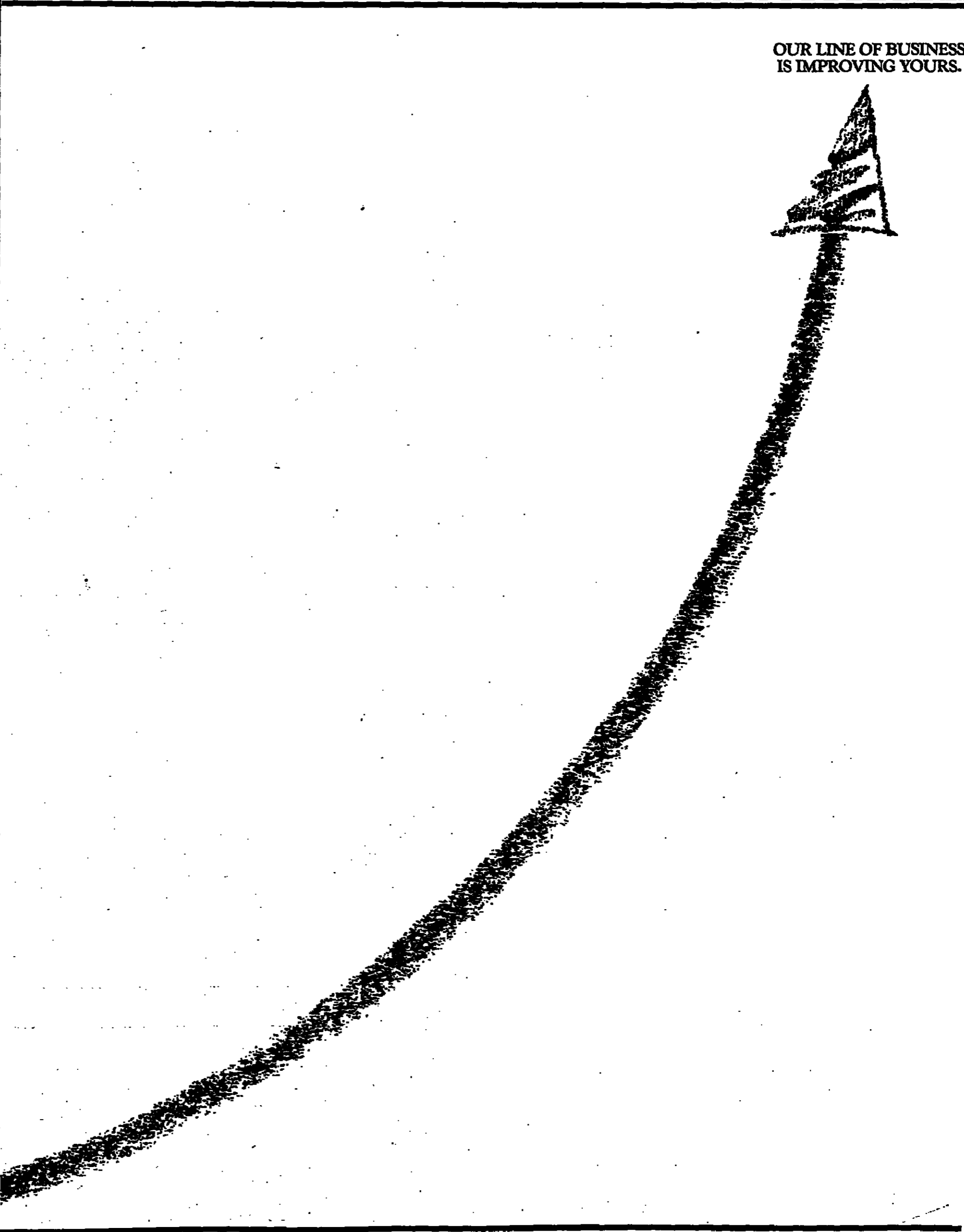
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# GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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**W**ith Big Bang approaching, one of the less-considered effects of financial market liberalization has been its impact on the career aspirations of final-year undergraduates.

Last year, the proportion of final-year undergraduates who said that their most-desired career field was in the City was only one in 20. This year, influenced perhaps by media reports of mega-salaries, this proportion has doubled to one in 10, according to the annual survey conducted by the Market & Opinion Research International (MORI).

Sponsoring companies use the survey to gain an understanding of the priorities in career choice and the influence on undergraduates' career decisions. A clear understanding of the career selection and search process is essential to any company recruiting very many graduates and perhaps the most important requirement is to be aware of the competition. Some companies who primarily recruit engineering students tend to switch off when the City is

mentioned. They may be interested to know that this year one in 10 (10 per cent) is considering a City career.

The analysis of these research findings examines high-flyers, the top 10 per cent of graduates, in terms of degree expectations, salary expectations, and self-defined personal qualities which suggest confidence in their own ability.

High-flyers are likely to be important to graduate recruiters because their management potential and dynamism can be applied in any sector.

Examining the priorities of high-flyers, it is not clear that, more than any other group, they are heading for the City. In all, a quarter are considering such a career and for one in six (17 per cent) it is their first choice, making the City the most popular career choice among the country's most sought-after students.

Obviously, the enormous publicity that has surrounded Big Bang has helped to create interest in a City career but the most critical factor is money. Among students wishing to pursue a City career the average starting salary

**In the year of the Big Bang, more graduate high-flyers than ever are heading for careers in the City, says Paul Vittles**



expected is £8,650, which is 15 per cent higher than the average. High-flyers expect even more (£9,420) but this is partly due to the inclusion of starting salary expectations in the definition of this group.

At the age of 30, final-year undergraduates whose first-choice career is the City expect to be earning an average of £25,000 by the time they are 30 - 38 per cent more than the average student and £2,500 more than the average salary expected by high-flyers at their age.

Furthermore, two in five final-year students wishing to work in the City (43 per cent) and a third of high-flyers (32 per cent) describe themselves as "motivated by money".

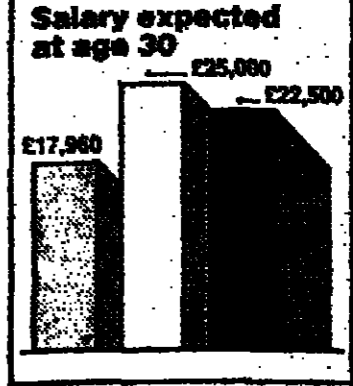
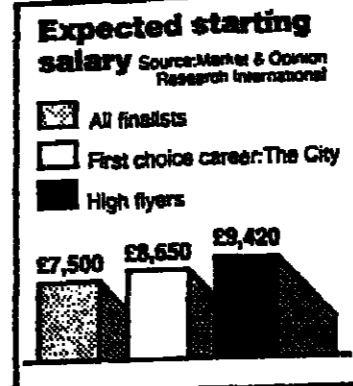
The apparent difficulty facing companies in the financial sector is keeping up with the salaries currently being offered, particularly by American banks. The temptation for many companies, both in and out of the financial sector, is not even to try to compete on salaries because they cannot afford to pay the going rate. So how else can they compete

for high-flying graduates? The important news is that in terms of importance in their career choice "a high starting salary" is ranked only ninth among final-year undergraduates, and even among the high-flyers two other factors are considerably more influential than money.

Compared with 36 per cent of high-flyers who consider "a high starting salary" as an important factor in their choice of career, 57 per cent want a career which offers "responsibility" and 63 per cent look for "a sufficient intellectual challenge".

Even among finalists wishing to enter the City, starting salary ranks fifth, behind the provision of an "intellectual challenge", "long-term career opportunities", "training which gives you a valuable and marketable asset", and "the opportunity for rapid promotion". Hence there is scope for competition even where companies cannot pay the salaries on offer by some in the City.

In an increasingly competitive market, with declining numbers of graduates coming on to the market, the important lesson for



graduate recruiters is to be aware of the competition and the activities of the competition. Companies in all sectors need to appreciate that the City is a major rival in the graduate market and the major rival in the market for the most talented graduates.

They need to be aware that the financial sector is recruiting earlier, usually in the first term, with a cash bonus for early acceptance, of offers with the amount declining as the candidate ponders.

Big Bang is likely to create more openings for talented graduates and the City will no doubt

continue to satisfy the desires of money-minded graduates.

After assessing the competition, companies must look to their own strengths and weaknesses. The question is whether they can satisfy the desires of graduates for intellectual stimulation and responsibility.

If not, it boils down to two outcomes - pay the money or pay the consequences.

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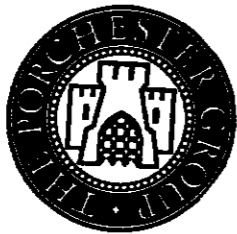
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## HORIZONS

A guide to career development

## Harsh facts on the islands

City dwellers who associate islands with summer escapism, empty beaches and relief from urban tension, may not realize that living in small and distant communities means meeting formidable all-year-round challenges. Islanders need many skills, an almost pioneering spirit, practical abilities and self-reliance.

Islands are for the young who are not in a hurry to climb career ladders, the middle-aged who want a sea change, and older people seeking a fresh challenge close to nature. Islands do not need self-sufficiency fanatics — they need newcomers with expertise, professionalism and imagination.

Right now, Inge Dickie on Orkney about to visit salmon and oyster fish farmers, whose business she is mastering. On Inishmaan, the least modernized of the Aran islands off Ireland, Tarlach de Blacam is driving a bumpy half-mile in his Land-Rover to his up-market modern knitting factory. On Lundy, Wendy Puddy is milking the cow before going to her compact office beside the "general store", a grand name for a tiny shop.

Come winter, although telephone and radio communication is instant, storms bring isolation. From far-flung islands where weather forecasts are a focal point of every day — information is relayed to form a national picture.

On Fair Isle one couple take meteorological readings several times a day and feed their information through by telephone, producing a small, extra income. On Lundy John and Wendy Puddy, who run the island for the Landmark Trust, decide, often pre-

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mined, she is often working there at dawn or dusk in freezing northern waters near the home they are building. Diversity is essential on islands. The couple recently bought a boat to take people diving on the wrecks of German vessels scuttled in 1919.

Inge Dickie intends to stay. Promotion is not possible but quality of life compensates. Her income of £8,500 is bumped up with a £500-a-year islands allowance.

Even smaller islands — beyond Orkney mainland — need professionals who tend to be paid the going national rate. They need nurses, primary school teachers and ministers of religion. North Ronaldsay, with a population of 85, has its own doctor, Kevin Woodbridge, who describes himself as "the best paid ornithologist", though in August he became a celebrity by organizing an exodus of hedgehogs.

When morning surgery is over for the 37-year-old family doctor, whose bearded, weatherbeaten looks are complemented by wellingtons and jeans, he may have seen a patient or two — six is a record. He has time to organize a mist-net-making concern he helped to set up through the British Trust for Ornithology. The nets, sewn from imported Japanese materials, are used to trap birds for ringing.

He has been surrounded by seals and seaweed-eating sheep for nearly 10 years. He says: "I've built a solar-heated house, and I'm the agent for tangle (seaweed) collection." Professionally, though, this is a backwater. Returning to the mainstream after a decade is difficult.

I met a chiropractor turned Christian minister — comforting souls in a tiny parish. I accompanied a social worker doing island rounds, dealing with problems of insularity and generations inextricably tied together on their small craft. He intends to leave after five years. I met a nurse running an elderly ladies' knitting group, and planning her own retirement on the island. Younger professionals regard island life as a learning phase. Older ones often come when ambition is satisfied.

Islands themselves need young families, though, ironically, the biggest sacrifice is sending children away to school. Lack of secondary education in smaller islands is one reason for a general decline in population. Another is the dearth of employment, leading to reliance on social security payments. But openings for innovation do exist, especially when they are founded on natural assets. Aran, off the coast of Ireland, is famed for its sweaters — now knitwear is computerized.

Tarlach de Blacam arrived on Inishmaan (population 300), the most neglected of the three Aran islands, as a

dynamic graduate in Celtic studies from Dublin and with a penchant for success. His wife is an islander. His brother, an architect, designed the factory with showroom and cafe for the co-operative on this small outpost with huge grey stone fort, miles of stone walls and patchwork fields. Grants were available for building and machinery.

Tarlach first became co-op manager, then major shareholder in the factory where two dozen knitters use the latest machines and hand looms in manufacturing up-to-the-minute fashionwear, rather than traditional sweaters, assisted by a professional designer.

"We sell in London, Tokyo and New York," says the boss who flies around the globe getting orders. A roll-on roll-off ferry is expected next year, which will reduce man-handling, but problems of communication remain. "Spare parts are difficult to get and technicians have to be flown in," he says. His spare-time activities are scuba diving, yoga, badminton and card-playing.

Tarlach has relied on his own business acumen. On Lundy the Landmark Trust employs about 18 people to manage the farm and tourism and carry out general improvements. John Puddy arrived in answer to an advertisement for a resident engineer. When the post of agent became vacant he fitted the bill and took over running the entire community. His wife Wendy, a qualified agricultural economist, co-ordinates services for visitors, up to 150 resident in summer, plus day trippers. She's in her early thirties and quietly efficient.

## 'Having children here would be difficult'

She says: "I find myself as nominal figurehead when John is away — he had to make all the arrangements for the new boat to be commissioned. I apply for farm and building grants, but otherwise don't use my professional experience. I am needed if there are staff problems, or accidents."

A helicopter arrives within minutes when there is an emergency. Work hours are long, and "dependent on tides and boats". Pay is modest. "We didn't come to Lundy to get rich," says Wendy, making the point that the trust can never recover its investment in Lundy. The Puddys live in comfortable accommodation with television, "but we keep a toehold on the mainland, with a house where my parents live". She's not planning ahead. "Having children here would be difficult."

Off the south coast of Devon Tony and Beatrice Porter found their dream island of Burg once their children had grown up. They are investing all their capital in returning the hotel to its 1930s glory with ballroom, sun lounge and smart suites where Agatha Christie and the Windsors had parties. But that is another story, another island. Advice: plan island life with care, visit, listen and think in terms of opting in rather than out. Summer is for dreams, winter for reality.

## Often working at dawn or dusk in freezing waters

dawn, whether the sea is too rough for the passenger steamer from Devon, which anchors in the bay, to rendezvous with the landing craft. Lundy lacks a pier, so everything has to be transferred in the bay, then beached.

Islanders are part of a community as much as any company man. They have to be able to turn their hand to anything from mending a rusting car to building homes, crofting, hosting summer visitors, maybe fishing. Not all have electricity.

Inge Dickie, aged 28, came to Orkney as a marine biologist with a degree from Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. She was employed, first, on Flotta, to monitor pollution for the oil industry. When the post of salmon and shellfish farm co-ordinator came up with the council, "I snatched the chance". That industry, born around 1980, should reap nearly £4 million by next year with up to 30 farmers in business, most retaining crofting or boat-building.

Inge supervises aquaculture students on placements, advises on grants, copes with fish diseases and helps to plan innovation, such as lobster rearing. Growers' confidence is boosted since Inge and her boyfriend opened their own oyster farm. Tall, athletic and deter-

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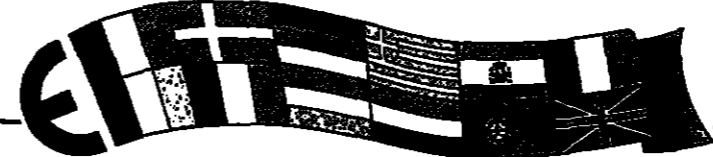
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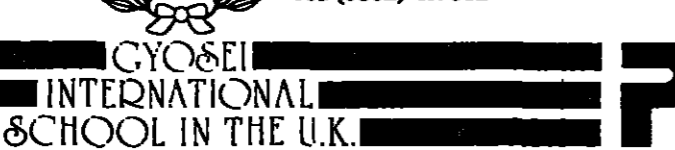
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Damages for loss of profit in land deal

Sharnesford Supplies Ltd v Edges

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When landlord's consent not obtained

29 Equities Ltd v Bank Leumi (UK) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Balcombe [Judgment given October 10]

Under a contract for the sale of leasehold property which incorporated the National Conditions of Sale (1985) and the question whether a landlord's consent to assignment of a lease "cannot be obtained" within the meaning of condition 1(5) was a question of fact to be decided in the light of common sense at the date of any purported exercise of the power given by the condition to rescind the contract.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal from a decision of Mr Justice Knox given on March 11, 1986, whereby he had dismissed a summons by the purchasers, 29 Equities Ltd, for specific performance of an agreement for the sale of leasehold premises at Flat 47, 27/29, Abercorn Place, St John's Wood, London and had granted an injunction against the Bank Leumi (UK) Ltd, an order vouching a caution against dealings in respect of the flat registered at the Land Registry by the purchasers.

Mr Terence Eitherton, who did not appear below, for the purchasers; Mr Timothy W. E. Evans for the vendors.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the property in question was a leasehold flat held at a ground rent for a term of 99 years from September 29, 1970. The only term of the lease which needed mention was the condition that the term should not be assigned without the landlord's consent, which was not to be unreasonably withheld.

The contract for sale of the flat had been entered into on July 10, 1985. The contractual completion date was Friday, November 29, 1985, and the contract incorporated the National Conditions of Sale, under condition 5 of which time was not to be of the essence. As the property was leasehold, condition 11 applied.

The effect of condition 1(5) was that if the contract was rescinded by the vendor under that condition he was to return the deposit without interest and the purchaser was to return the abstract; in other words the deal was called off.

The purchasers were a company incorporated in the Channel Islands. At the time of the contract they had only recently been established and did not have a bank account in the Channel Islands.

On the day following the completion of the contract the vendors' solicitors sent to the landlords' managing agents such rudimentary references as had previously been supplied by the purchasers' solicitors. The agents replied on August 28 that they were going to seek the landlords' instructions as to their requirements.

That had produced on September 18 a letter requiring, among other things, satisfactory bank references, full details of the company and two British-based personal guarantors. On November 28 the purchasers' solicitors had written forward the names of two individuals in London as guarantors.

On Monday, December 2 the vendors' solicitors purported to exercise the power under condition 1(5) to rescind the contract because the landlords' consent had not been obtained.

In fact shortly thereafter two different individual guarantors were suggested by the purchasers' solicitors; and they and the references were accepted by the landlords' agents on January 22, 1986.

So far as the landlords were concerned the matter would then have gone to their solicitors for preparation of the formal licence to assign, but it did not because the vendors were maintaining that the contract had been validly rescinded by the notice under condition 1(5).

The purchasers registered a caution against the title and issued a writ claiming specific performance, followed by a summons for summary judgment under Order 36 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The vendors countered with a motion to vacate the caution.

Mr Justice Knox had considered whether the vendors would have been entitled when the landlords' consent had not been obtained to serve a notice to rescind under condition 22, and had inclined to the view that the vendors were in no safe position to do so.

He had said that "cannot be obtained" in condition 1(5) did not mean "cannot ever be obtained" but that it was equivalent to "is not forthcoming", and, looking at the matter at the contractual date for completion, the vendors' right to rescind under condition 1(5) was exercisable on December 2, 1985.

That involved drastic rewriting of the condition and concentration on a date not mentioned in the clause at all. The question was whether it could fairly be said at the date when the vendor exercised his purported right to rescind that the landlords' consent "cannot be obtained".

That was a simple question of fact to be decided in the light of common sense. There was no doubt that it was impossible to say on December 2 that the consent could not be obtained unless a gloss was put on the condition and it was asked whether it was forthcoming by November 29, 1985.

There was no doubt that the vendors were not in a position to serve a notice under condition 1(5) when they had served it, and it had been rescinded under Order 36 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. To an end, it was not necessary to consider what the vendors' position under condition 22 would have been because they had never given notice under that condition.

The appeal should be allowed and an order for specific performance granted.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON and LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE agreed. Solicitors: William Stockler & Co; Isadore Goldman & Son

Jury direction on wounding by dog

Regina v Dume (Constantine)

Before Lord Justice Mustill, Mrs Justice Butler-Stoss and Sir John Thompson [Judgment October 10]

If it were possible for a person who did not intend to cause malicious wounding to occur, to commit the offence of malicious wounding by releasing a dog which then bit the complainant, it would be necessary for a jury trying such a case to be directed, in addition to the charge to be directed maliciously (i) as to what kind of act was to be looked for as the actus reus, (ii) to identify the defendant's state of mind with respect to the act, and (iii) to consider whether that act was the proximate cause of the injury.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Constantine Dume, against his conviction by Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Baker and a jury) of maliciously wounding a police officer, contrary to section 20 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861. The conviction was quashed.

Miss Sasha Wass, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the defendant; Mr Noel Lucas for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL, delivering the judgment of the court, said that evidence had been given at the trial that the defendant, standing in his hallway, had released his dog, saying "Kill that man". The dog had rushed towards the police officer, knocked him over and bitten him on the inside upper thigh.

The prosecution contention throughout had been that the defendant had deliberately caused the dog to bite the officer; the defence case had been that the officer had been the victim of the dog's exuberance unconnected with any act of the defendant.

The judge, however, had directed the jury that the defendant would be guilty of the offence if, in the absence of any intention to wound the officer, he had released the dog, reckless as to the possibility of the officer being injured.

If it was indeed the law that the offence of malicious wounding could be committed by effectively using a dog as a weapon (which it was not necessary for the court to decide), the jury would have to be satisfied that the defendant had done some act with the necessary mens rea, which had caused the victim to suffer the injury.

Where the matter was further complicated by the addition of the issue of recklessness, the jury would need to be meticulously directed on three matters. They should be told what kind of act to look for and instructed to consider the evidence in the light of which that act was associated. The jury's mind should be directed to the question whether that act was the proximate cause of the injury.

The jury here were not given any such help and they had had insufficient guidance as to how to tackle the issue. That was a material irregularity which required the conviction to be quashed.

It was not therefore necessary to decide whether the decision of the Divisional Court in W (a Minor) v DPP (1983) Crim LR 581, as to the test of recklessness to be applied in relation to a charge of malicious wounding, was correct.

Solicitor: Crown Prosecution Service.

Qualifying days for overseas tax relief

Platten (Inspector of Taxes) v Brown

For the purpose of calculating overseas earning relief for short absences from the United Kingdom that was granted by Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1977, account could be taken of days worked overseas that were not "qualifying days" within the definition in paragraph 2(1).

Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in the Chancery Division on October 10 dismissing an appeal by the Crown from a decision of Beaumont J. The provisions of the 1977 Act giving such relief were repealed by Schedule 23 of the Finance Act 1984.

Hearing opposed ex parte appeals

Hunter and Partners v Welland and Partners

Although the Court of Appeal had jurisdiction to hear an appeal from the grant of interim injunctive injunctions on an "opposed ex parte" hearing, such appeals were to be deprecated. The usual procedure should be to allow the ex parte motion to stand over to a subsequent inter partes hearing when both sides' evidence would be before the court; the party aggrieved by the order on that hearing could then appeal without leave under section 18(1)(b) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Hoffmann) so stated in a reserved judgment, p. 20, September 10.

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# Home rule has cast doubts on Perth's sense of fair play

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

When Alan Bond was fighting his battles against the New York Yacht Club, members of his own club in Perth were the first to shout "foul" whenever the Cup holders showed an instinct to favour their defenders on points of law. Now the boot is on the other foot and the Royal Perth YC, the current custodians of the Cup and the Deed of Gift controlling the race conditions, appear just as adept at waiving the rules to suit themselves.

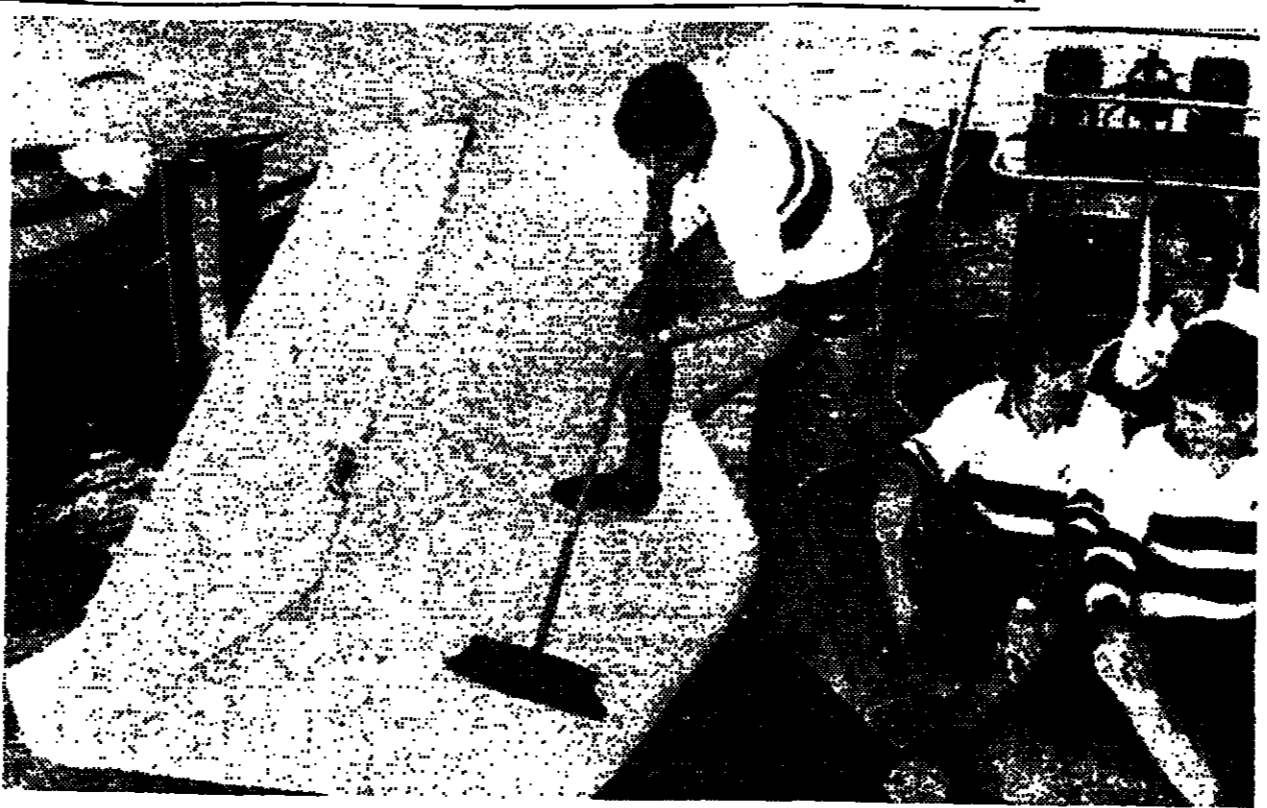
The latest set-back to the challengers is the club's insistence that replacement keels - which are being changed here as fast as the lightbulbs illuminating round-the-clock maintenance - can only be cast in the challenging countries. It is a decision that prescribes overseas syndicates with airfreight charges in excess of £70,000 for each 20-ton casting.

Changes in keel shape have become an integral part of every 12-metre development programme, and this latest financial restriction leaves the challengers at a severe disadvantage to the defence syn-

dicates, who between them have more than 20 differently-configured wing keels at their disposal. "The decision is sheer nonsense," Graham Walker, Britain's syndicate head, said yesterday. "We are allowed to extrude masts, produce sails and modify our boats here. We contend the keel is part of the boat and that changing its shape is merely a modification to the hull."

The British syndicate has written to the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, challenger of record, pointing out that Royal Perth have no right to make a ruling on the matter without first gaining a decision from the Supreme Court in New York. This court was the legal adjudicator on all Cup matters since the Deed of Gift governing this match race series was first drawn up in 1857.

Despite this appeal, which has now been passed to the Royal Perth Yacht Club, the Cup holders are under no obligation to test their interpretation of the rules in the American courts and have



Clean sweep: Chris Law, helmsman of Britain's White Crusader, gets down to work on the yacht's winged keel

# A breeze for Kolius craft

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

America II continued her winning role here with a close but professional victory over French Kiss in the 10th day of the challenger elimination series. White Crusader had a scheduled layday yesterday before meeting Eagle today.

After a hard-fought start which Marc Pajot won by eight seconds, the Frenchmen could have been forgiven for optimism. But John Kolius has been sailing here for three years. He has watched a lot of windshirts since 1984. The Texan, aged 34, picked them all in the first leg yesterday and at the top mark America II led French Kiss by 53 seconds.

Fine sailing by Pajot and well-drilled crew-work clipped away White Crusader's lead on each of the following legs. At the third mark the pride of the New York Yacht Club were only 17 seconds adrift. Yet it was all for naught. Directed by John Bertrand, the ice-cool tactician, Kolius slapped a tight cover on

French Kiss and, despite a tacking duel up the 3.25 nautical miles, finished 33 seconds ahead.

The invincible Kiwis kept marching on with a big win over Eagle Rod Davis aboard the Californian boat took the start, but that was all. Dickson's confidence should be in good shape for today's brawl with Dennis Conner. Over-confidence is the only conceivable worry in the New Zealand camp.

Azurra again suffered failure of her steering gear, the rudder stock breaking for the second day running, and the match went by default to Challenge France. The Marseilles team now has two victories. On Tuesday they won a protest against French Kiss.

Canada II sailed a close race against Dennis Conner and Stars and Stripes. At the top mark Conner was only five seconds in front, having buffed the start and losing 21 seconds

to the crew from Vancouver after being forced to go about. However, he hauled away on every subsequent leg.

In other races Heart of America beat Courageous, although not by some of the outrageous margins that the old lady has lately been suffering. The race is subject to protest following a pre-start collision.

Yesterday's results  
Heat 1: USA US61 (US) 3w 24m 37sec vs Italia 17 (I), 3:28:29. Winning margin: 3:52.  
Heat 2: Heart of America US51 (US) 3:20:26. Winning margin: 4:43. (Protest).  
Heat 3: Challenge France (F) 3:31:48 vs Azurra (I) (I), 3:31:48.  
Heat 4: New Zealand KZ7 (NZ) 3:18:07 vs Eagle US60 (US), 3:30:46. Winning margin: 4:41.  
Heat 5: America II US48 (US) 3:22:30 vs French Kiss (F) (F), 3:23:06. Winning margin: 0:36.  
Heat 6: Stars and Stripes US55 (US) 3:18:20 vs Canada II KC2 (Can), 3:20:39. Winning margin: 2:19.

TODAY'S RACES  
Stars and Stripes v New Zealand: Azurra v America II; White Crusader v Eagle; Heart of America v Heart of America.

# Touch up for Crusader

White Crusader, the name painted on the side of Britain's America II Cup 12 metre yacht when Guinness is promoting White Horse whisky, poured £1.1 million into the challenge last month, was given the all-clear after the Royal Thames Syndicate offered to change the curved lettering to avoid comparisons with the whisky logo (Barry Pickthall writes).

A sign-writer worked throughout the day yesterday re-painting the name on both sides of the boat in plain script ready for today's match race

against Eagle after the revised artwork had been passed by the international jury.

The decision to allow the name White Crusader and other titles with commercial overtones such as French Kiss and Azurra now adds considerable pressure on the International Yacht Race Union to amend or abolish its controversial Rule 26 barring overt sponsorship within the sport when Union members from across the world meet in London next month for their annual conference.

TABLE	Won	Lost
New Zealand IV	9	0
Stars and Stripes	8	0
America II	8	0
White Crusader	8	0
Italia	5	4
USA	4	4
Canada II	4	4
Eagle	4	4
French Kiss	4	4
Heart of America	3	5
Challenge France	3	5
Azurra II	3	5
Courageous IV	1	0

# HORSE TRIALS

## Strachan's hopes at high tide

By Jenny MacArthur

Chrissa Strachan and Delphy Dazzle, the horse on which she won the team gold medal at this year's world championships in May in Australia, compete this week at the Boekelo three-day event in The Netherlands which starts today.

Delphy Dazzle, owned by Gateway Foodmarket Ltd, fell in the water in the world championships - Miss Strachan having paid the price for being the team's pathfinder - but he proved at Tebury last month, where he had a good outing, that water holds no fear for him. Miss Strachan is now hoping for a successful performance here to end the season on a happy note.

Lucinda Green, who is nursing a sprained ankle after a fall from Count de Bolebec last weekend, also hopes to finish with a flourish with Shannagh on whom she finished fourth last year. Shannagh, who was suffering from a travel virus when he arrived at Boekelo, has been Mrs Green's backstop in a year which has seen Willy Band Brass Monkey, her temporarily sidelined with splints. He came third at the Luhmühlen three-day event in West Germany in August and then won his class at both Tebury and Holker Hall in Cumbria.

With nine other British riders competing this week, including Lorna Clarke with the promising Fearlith Mor, Claire Watson, the runner-up at Chisworth, with The Expert and Rodney Powell with General St Majors, the British look set to compensate for last year's expedition when, for the first time since the event started in 1971, Britain was without a rider in the top three.

One rider they will not have to contend with this time is Bruce Davidson, the American former dual world champion who won last year on Dr Peaches.

Davidson, the runner-up to Mrs Leng at Burghley last month on J J Babu, is resting on his laurels after winning last month's Chesterlands three-day event, held on his farm in Pennsylvania, on Noah.

# POWERBOATING

## Veteran sets new record

The veteran George Sawyer, aged 58, yesterday broke the 100 miles per hour barrier in this year's Powerboat Records Attempts Week on Windermere. He raced over the measured kilometre at an average of 103.87mph to break his own national record, only set on Tuesday, of 96.00mph in the 700cc hydroplane class.

Mike Hamilton-Smith set a new national record for the SS class of five-litre sports inboards with a speed of 66.98mph and Philip Warner raised his own Cruiser B record from 64.11 to

# British squad has food for thought

Group therapy and psychology are not high on the list of topics discussed in Rugby League dressing rooms. Yet they will be secret weapons for Great Britain when serious training begins next week for the opening international against Australia at Old Trafford on Saturday week.

Maurice Bamford, the Great Britain coach, used group therapy and sport psychology sessions with his squad during last season's series against New Zealand - and Britain tied the series with vastly improved performances after their dreary years as international second-raters.

Next Monday the squad will move into their training camp and headquarters, the plush, spacious Shaw Hill Golf and Country Club in open countryside near Chorley in Lancashire. Surprisingly, Bamford insists that the week before the international will not be devoted to vigorous, gruelling training. "We don't want to create a squad of fit players, then have them pulling muscles on the eve of the match," he said.

"Of course there will be training sessions devoted to handling skills, and particularly to the art of kicking, but it is of prime importance that we get the mental attitude right."

So, how does he help develop the right attitude? Although he becomes cagey on the subject, Bamford, in effect, encourages players to talk frankly in open

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Keith Macklin

sessions about their inner problems and what they see as their playing weaknesses. These are then discussed and thrashed out with other team members, with each player's strengths also brought out to boost overall confidence.

Bamford has enlisted the aid of a lecturer in sport psychology from one of the major universities, and his team talks include lore culled from mental exercises used by international motor-racing drivers, tennis players and American grid-iron footballers.

The sessions are to be supervised jointly by Bamford, Les Bettrinson, the team manager, Phil Larder, the League's director of coaching, and the physio-therapist, Mike Steiner.

Bamford believes his team can win the series after the unhappy years of British inferiority. He does not believe the 1986 Australian tourists have as many individual match winners as the "invincibles" of the 1982 tour, but is under no illusions about the difficulty of the task.

He also believes that tactical and line kicking is a speciality of the 1986 Australians, and this is another subject which will figure largely in next week's preparations.

# TENNIS

## Rehe replaces Lloyd in Wightman Cup team

New York (Reuters) - Stephanie Rehe has replaced the injured Chris Lloyd in the United States Wightman Cup team, it was announced yesterday.

Lloyd, who has played in 12 Wightman Cups and has a record of 26 singles victories without defeat, withdrew from the squad last week to rest an injured left knee.

Rehe, aged 16 and ranked thirteenth in the world, was a member of the 1984 junior Wightman Cup team. She joins Bonnie Gadusek, Kathy Rinaldi, Anne White and Elise Burgin in the team that meets Britain at the Royal Albert Hall from October 30 to November 1.

Mary Riessen, coach to the American team, said that Lloyd was disappointed at having to withdraw. "She always enjoys playing Wightman Cup and playing in London," she said. "But she'll be rooting for the American team."

Australia's Davis Cup semi-final victory against the United States in Brisbane last week - for a place in the quarter-finals. He faces a difficult obstacle in his attempt to gain a berth in the quarter-finals when he faces Pat Cash. Under no illusions about the task facing him, Drewett said: "If he plays like he did in Brisbane, he'll blow me away. But if you look at his form on hard surfaces... he's not so convincing. I think I've got a good chance."

In another match the fifth-seeded Marcel Freeman, of the United States, made the quarter-finals with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over the Australian, Mark Edmondson.

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# SQUASH RACKETS

## Wily Kenyon puts a dampener on Williams's night

By Colin McQuillan

Universal dampness and singular dedication to victory combined on Tuesday to put Poundstretcher Dunnington on the whipping boys of past seasons, at the head of the two-week-old American Express Premier League. Packed houses around the country contributed to sweaty court conditions on a dank autumn evening.

At Ardleigh Hall, near Colchester, the InterCity-Cannons team squeezed a narrow 3-2 victory, only after an argumentative 15-minute delay led to the switch of the vital first string match, between Del Harris and Jamie Hickox, to a dry but isolated outside court.

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the second in less than half that time, winning virtually every rally with sliced shots to the front nets.

The tall, left-handed Williams is on the comeback trail after extensive surgery to repair severed knee ligaments, with the aim of regaining his title from Kenyon at next month's national championships in Bristol.

He lost in straight games when they met last weekend in an invitation event and was plainly intent upon making a greater psychological impact in Manchester.

Kenyon, a wily old campaigner, knows all too well that fighting sledge about breaking up opponents who cannot be stopped by direct means. He also complained about the floor in the second game, although Williams was flying about the court at extraordinary speed with apparent security.

In the third game Kenyon asked for a towel at 3-1, slipped and fell at 6-3 to cause a four-minute delay dealing with the sweat deposited by his own soddened clothing, then initiated a six-minute debate about dangerous conditions when Williams fell heavily at 8-8 on that same patch.

It was a masterly intervention from which Williams never recovered, with Kenyon at one stage appearing to concede and even taking time to change into dry clothing while his rapidly cooling challenger was arguing and pushing towels across the court floor.

The Dunnington Mill man won the resumed game 10-9 and went on to mop up the match 9-7, 9-4, giving his team their second 5-0 victory and leadership of the national league in which they have previously flourished.

RESULTS: Manchester Northern 6, Poundstretcher Dunnington 5, Nottingham 5, Arrow Village (Frostwood) 6, Hals West Country 3, Vasco Motors (Wales) 2, Scot Leicester 4, Chapel Allerton 1, Ardleigh Hall (Colchester) 2, InterCity-Cannons (London) 3, Standings: Poundstretcher Dunnington Mill 14, Scot Leicester 12, InterCity Cannons 11, Chapel Allerton 8, Nottingham 5, Hals West Country 5, Manchester Northern 6, Vasco Motors 3, Ardleigh Hall 2, Arrow Village 0.



# Then Again to strike for Cumani

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Then Again is napped to continue his season by winning the Ricard Challenge Stakes at Newmarket this afternoon: even though the distance of seven furlongs will be the shortest he has run all season.

With that habitual front-runner Presidium, who set a new track record for seven furlongs at York in August, also in the field and trying to emulate his elder half-brother, Kris, who won the race in 1979, the gallop is likely to be fierce. This will help Then Again whose most recent victory was achieved in the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood in August when he

was ridden by Greville Starkey, his partner today.

The only bad race that Then Again has run this year was in the Derby, despite finishing 13th. But the simple explanation for that was a lack of stamina. And on reflection, that was not surprising because Then Again is by Jazeiro and out of a mare by Reform, who was himself by Pall Mall. And, basically, that is a mile's pedigree pure and simple. Lack of stamina also cost Then Again a nice race over ten furlongs at Haydock early in August. But visitors to Goodwood certainly saw him in his true colours, as indeed did those who watched him win a valuable handicap under top weight over a mile on today's track in July.

Our Newmarket Correspondent, George Robinson, who has been monitoring all of Then Again's recent homework, yesterday reported him to be in particularly fine fettle — so much so that he also ventured the opinion that he is the best bet of the day.

Judged on the Goodwood running Then Again has nothing to fear from Sarab, Hadeer and Grey Desir, who finished sixth, seventh and last respectively, although to be fair, all three are capable of better, especially Sarab who will test this today's distance. In this instance though, Esfio, who won the race twelve months ago on the Rowley Mile course, looks the main danger to my nap. Recently he had the disappointing Truly Nureyev and Hadeer behind him when he finished third to

Sure Blade and Teleprompter in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes over a mile at Ascot.

Also third in the Prix Jacques Le Marois over a mile at the same track before that, Esfio could easily benefit from this return to seven furlongs.

Saker, from the same stable as Then Again, is a rather more speculative choice to win the Embla Handicap, sponsored by Charles St George. It is in Saker's favour that he is both fresh and relatively under-exposed.

Twelve months ago, the EBF Chesterton Maiden Stakes was won in emphatic style by that useful colt, Aller Milford. This time the race has had to be divided. Legal Bid (2.35), my selection for the first division, is reported to be a highly promising half-brother to that good horse, Law Society, by Spectacular 84, the first who carried off the American triple crown in 1979. Today, on his debut, Legal Bid's reputation, not to mention his merite, will be tested by Zaizoom, who finished fifth in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last month after running a promising second at Newbury first time out.

Print, a most emphatic winner of the Highclere Nursery at Newbury last month, albeit with only 7st 12lb on his back then as opposed to 9st 2lb now, looks poised to give his sire, the first season sensation Sharpo, another strike by winning the A R Dennis Nursery.



Then Again, Luca Cumani's colt, looks set for another course victory at Newmarket

## NEWMARKET

Selections		By Our Newmarket Correspondent	
2.00 Good Point.	2.00 Good Point.	2.35 Legal Bid.	2.35 Legal Bid.
3.05 Print.	3.05 Print.	3.40 Then Again.	3.40 Then Again.
3.40 THEN AGAIN (nap).	3.40 Then Again.	4.10 Saker.	4.45 Deakrom.
4.10 Saker.	4.45 Deakrom.	5.15 Vestra.	5.15 Magical Lacc.

By Michael Seely  
3.05 Print. 3.40 Then Again.  
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 ZAIZOOM.

### Guide to our in-line racecard

100 (12) 0-422 TIMEFORM (22/85) (Mrs J Ryley) 8 Ball 9-0-0 ... West (4) ... 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Size-figure race (F=flat, P=pur, U=unrated rider, B=broken, C=owner in brackets). Trainer, Age and sex (B=broodmare, V=vol, H=hood, C=colt, G=gelding, F=filly, M=mare, S=stallion, W=winner, R=rider plus any aliases). The Times name (B=blowers, V=Victor, H=hood, C=colt, G=gelding, F=filly, M=mare, S=stallion, W=winner, R=rider plus any aliases). Approximate starting course winner. D=distance winner. O=course and price.

### Going: good

### 2.0 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,061: 6f) (Draw: no advantage)

No.	Name	Trainer	Age	Sex	Weight	Form	Rating
102	00000 WHISTLING WIND (M British)	W Briston	2	Colt	10-0	—	80
103	00000 FLAIR POKER (J Lovell)	D Thom	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
104	00000 BEATITY'S LAD (W Wright)	R Thompson	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
105	00000 BOLD INTENTION (Mrs L Ingram)	A Ingram	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
106	00000 CHANGEMAN LAD (D Owen)	W Mason	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
107	00000 GEORGE HARRY (Mr Chester)	T & S Ltd	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
108	00000 GOOD POINT (R Sangster)	J Hindley	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
109	00000 HIGHLANDER (D Seagr)	R Harman	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
110	00000 MADNESS NUREYEV (D Seagr)	R Harman	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
111	00000 MAUREEN'S LAD (C Cousins)	P Burghoyne	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
112	00000 MENDEL'S LAW (W Coleman)	P Haslam	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
113	00000 UNSELFISH (P A Sargent)	R Johnson	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
114	00000 CHANGEMAN LAD (D Owen)	W Mason	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
115	00000 ILLUSTRATE (P Haskell)	A Smith	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
116	00000 MADAM BELLA (M Taylor)	C Callaghan	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
117	00000 NEGOTIUM (P Vanner)	G Blum	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
118	00000 HENRIETTA (D Seagr)	R Harman	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
119	00000 SPARKLING JUDY (R Perkins)	J Scalan	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
120	00000 SPARKLING JUDY (R Perkins)	J Scalan	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
121	00000 SURVIVAL KIT (E Perry)	C James	2	Colt	10-0	—	81

1985: MAC'S FLYER 8-11 T Ves 9-1 W O'Gorman 23 ran

### 2.35 EBF CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: 2-Y-O: £4,643: 1m) (17 runners)

No.	Name	Trainer	Age	Sex	Weight	Form	Rating
202	00000 ARROWWOOD (Arrowhead)	K G Horton	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
203	00000 BELLY NATURE (Hawthorn)	B Stables	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
204	00000 CARPET CAPERS (A Bedy)	R Smyth	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
205	00000 DUCKINGTON (Lady Marjorie)	M H Easterby	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
206	00000 GERRARD (P Northcott)	G Harwood	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
207	00000 LEGAL BID (W Frain)	H Oak	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
208	00000 OAKEN T (E Oak)	T Williams	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
209	00000 PIPSTED (E Moller)	G Wragg	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
210	00000 SONG OF SODEN (P Mellon)	J Bading	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
211	00000 SOUTHERN COMFORT (R Taylor)	W Jarvis	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
212	00000 SUN FLEECE (M Jarvis)	S Coles	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
213	00000 WATER BOATMAN (Sheikh Mohammed)	B Hills	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
214	00000 WILLOW (P Al-Malkoun)	M Wahab	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
215	00000 ZAZOOM (G Salmer)	C Cole	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
216	00000 JANE MARPLE (M McAlpine)	D Morley	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
217	00000 JANE MARPLE (M McAlpine)	D Morley	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
218	00000 JANE MARPLE (M McAlpine)	D Morley	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
219	00000 JANE MARPLE (M McAlpine)	D Morley	2	Colt	10-0	—	81
220	00000 JANE MARPLE (M McAlpine)	D Morley	2	Colt	10-0	—	81

1985: ALLEZ BELDON 8-11 G Starkey 4-1 G Harwood 19 ran

### FORM CARPET CAPERS (2-Y-O), never near to challenge, had WILLOW (2-Y-O) 11th behind in 11th when at Goodwood (8-7) but on way to be 3rd at Ascot (8-11) at Doncaster (7-17), good to 1st when at York (8-11), 212th, good to 1st, Aug 7, 6 ran. SOUTHERN COMFORT (2-Y-O) was 2nd clear of the remainder when 4th in 1st at Trogon (8-11) at York (7-17), good to 1st, 14 ran. SOUTHERN COMFORT (2-Y-O) was 2nd clear of the remainder when 4th in 1st at Trogon (8-11) at York (7-17), good to 1st, 14 ran. SOUTHERN COMFORT (2-Y-O) was 2nd clear of the remainder when 4th in 1st at Trogon (8-11) at York (7-17), good to 1st, 14 ran.

### 3.5 A R DENNIS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £8,714: 6f) (12 runners)

No.	Name	Trainer	Age	Sex	Weight	Form	Rating
301	012100 BORN TO RACE (K Fischer)	L Piggott	2	Colt	9-7	—	88
302	221001 AUTHENTIC (M Full)	Cricklethroats B Ltd	2	Colt	9-4	—	88
303	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
304	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
305	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
306	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
307	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
308	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
309	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
310	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
311	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
312	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
313	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
314	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
315	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
316	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88
317	011111 PRINT (Lord Powers)	W Hastings	2	Colt	9-0	—	88

1985: CYRANO DE BERGERAC 8-11 L Piggott 13-8 fav W Hastings-Bass 10 ran

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### 3.40 RICARD CHALLENGE STAKES (Group III: £23,306: 7f) (12 runners)

No.	Name	Trainer	Age	Sex	Weight	Form	Rating
401	011233 ESFIO (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	89
402	020000 GREY DESIRE (G De Bressan)	M Brian	6-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
403	011010 RADISEN (C D)	W Graydon	C Brian	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	87
404	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
405	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
406	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
407	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
408	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
409	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
410	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
411	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
412	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87
413	011212 HADDOCK (M De Land)	J Dunlop	4-0-0	Colt	9-0	—	87

### FORM ESFIO (2-Y-O) was right up to his best when 3rd to Sure Blade (8-11) at Ascot (8-11) at Doncaster (7-17), good to 1st when at York (8-11), 212th, good to 1st, Aug 7, 6 ran. SOUTHERN COMFORT (2-Y-O) was 2nd clear of the remainder when 4th in 1st at Trogon (8-11) at York (7-17), good to 1st, 14 ran. SOUTHERN COMFORT (2-Y-O) was 2nd clear of the remainder when 4th in 1st at Trogon (8-11) at York (7-17), good to 1st, 14 ran.

### 5.10 EMBLA HANDICAP (23,027: 7f) (15 runners)

No.	Name	Trainer	Age	Sex	Weight	Form	Rating
502	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
503	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
504	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
505	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
506	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
507	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
508	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
509	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
510	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
511	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
512	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
513	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
514	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
515	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
516	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
517	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
518	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1
519	000212 ETRANCHING (D) Levis	Duchess of Norfolk	J Dunlop	9-0-10	W Gorton	82	8-1

### FORM SAKER (2-Y-O) made off like a 21st winner from Bolero Major (8-9) at York (8-11) at Doncaster (7-17), good to 1st when at York (8-11), 212th, good to 1st, Aug 7, 6 ran. SOUTHERN COMFORT (2-Y-O) was 2nd clear of the remainder when 4th in 1st at Trogon (8-11) at York (7-17), good to 1st, 14 ran. SOUTHERN COMFORT (2-Y-O) was 2nd clear of the remainder when 4th in 1st at Trogon (8-11) at York (7-17), good to 1st, 14 ran.

### 4.45 PARK PADDOCKS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,431: 1m 6f 171yd) (16 runners)

No.	Name	Trainer	Age	Sex	Weight	Form	Rating
601	010110 WASSIL REEF (P) Sheikh A Al-Malkoun	J Dunlop	3-0-0	Colt	9-7	—	84
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GOLF

Lyle serves up a warning to the young pretender

From Mitchell Platts, Paris

The latest golfer to roll off the American college production line faces an enormous examination of character when the Lancome Trophy begins on the St-Nom-la-Breche course here today...

Card of the course

Table with 4 columns: Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Rows 1-9.

Out 3,374 36 In 3,339 36 Total yardage: 6,713 Par: 72

new career by scoring 85 and 81 to miss comprehensively the halfway cut in the Memphis Classic...

So the chances are that Nicklaus will be compelled to rely on invitations to the European Tour next year in order to further his education...

The only problem is that he is clearly not too adept in the art of self-defence as he was required to have seven stitches in his left arm following a 'rough and tumble' with his brother Steve...

By a strange coincidence, or more precisely with assistance from those who 'fix' the draw, Nicklaus, like his father at Wentworth two weeks ago, will have the opportunity to

examine at close quarters the prodigious strengths of Jose Maria Olazabal's game. They tee off together with Olazabal, at 20, five years younger than Nicklaus...

Olazabal's extraordinary success has overshadowed everything else in Europe this year, excepting the five triumphs of his compatriot, Severiano Ballesteros...

Lyle, following his defeat by Greg Norman in the World Matchplay Championship final at Wentworth, spent last week on more mundane matters, shovelling the leaves from his garden...

It certainly worked in the pro-am. Of his 10 birdies, Lyle had six in succession from the 7th and for good measure he included an eagle at the 5th...

Lyle is hovering in foreign territory in 27th place in the Epson Order of Merit this season, with winnings of only £45,000...

The first prize of £33,000 offers Lyle the opportunity to propel himself back into the top 10.

China opening

A contingent of British and Irish amateur golfers will be following the Queen to China later this month. Thomas Cook Financial Services announced in London yesterday that they are sponsoring the first China Open amateur men's championship in Guangdong Province, north of Macao, from October 30-November 2.



Getting out of the rough is tough, Federica Dassu seems to be saying to herself

Things fall right for Huke

By John Hennessy

Beverly Huke, a former England amateur golf champion, stole the limelight on the first day of the £25,000 Lains Classic with a brilliant round of 66...

She reached the turn in 33, four under par, in a display of narrowly failing with eagle putts from 12 feet on two long holes, the fifth and ninth, and came home with the same score. Apart from holing in from 15 feet for her three at the 336 yard 14th, she made no demands on her putter.

— if only everything would drop into place. Everything did yesterday, apart from an unkind rub of the 17th green, her ball there struck a sprinkler and kicked off into the rough. Thus she was denied what would have been her eighth birdie of the round.

Miss Davies was perfectly content with her round, even though it had something of a Jekyll and Hyde character. She had been apprehensive at the start, she said afterwards, fearing a reaction from her stunning victory at Birkdale on Sunday, and "wouldn't have been surprised if I'd taken some big numbers."

Thornhill puts Britain in the lead

Caracas (Reuters) — Britain led the field at the end of the first round of the women's amateur world championship here on Tuesday...

Britain's team, which consists of Thornhill, Claire Hourihane and Patricia Johnson, earlier beat the same United States team in the Curtis Cup competition. The favoured British squad includes Kay Cockrill, the American amateur champion, along with Kathleen McCarthy and Leslie Shannon.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with 4 columns: BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, BOWLS, CYCLING. Lists various sports events and winners.

GYMNASTICS

American college first

Fullerton, California (AP) — Li Xiao Ping, a member of China's silver medal winning team at the Los Angeles Olympics, is to become the first gymnast from his country to compete for an American university.

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Table with 4 columns: MOTOR RALLYING, SQUASH, TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS. Lists various sports events and winners.

RUGBY UNION

Bishop could yet get reduction in ban by WRU

The Pontypool scrum half David Bishop may yet get a reduction in the ban keeping him out of rugby until next season. The Welsh Rugby Union secretary, Ray Williams, hinted yesterday that Bishop could put his case for an easing of the suspension if he asked for a personal hearing.

The WRU imposed the ban on Bishop after his court appearance for assaulting Newport's Chris Jarman. At the same time they stated that the Pontypool and Wales half-back would have no right of appeal.

Smith's sparkle inspires Herts

By Peter Marson

The display of purpose shown by Hertfordshire against Hampshire at United Services ground, Portsmouth, yesterday underlined their determination to win Group B, and reclaim their position in Group A of the London division of the Thora EMI county championship.

On a sunny, still afternoon, Hertfordshire quickly laid the right kind of foundation to run out winners by two goals, two tries and two penalty goals to four penalty goals.

BOXING

Daho's rival in purse row with manager

Brussels (Reuters) — Jean-Marc Renard, of Belgium, who is due to defend his European junior-lightweight title against Britain's Najib Daho on October 31, has been accused of 'unsporting behaviour' by his manager.

Robert De Beuckelaere, Renard's third manager, said he wanted to sever all links "as soon as possible". He described the young champion as "looking for trouble" following a row over purse money.

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Sponsors give full support to British team

Following three successful years of sponsoring the No 1 British team, Allied Steel and Wire has agreed to support the whole British team for the next two seasons. Britain is led by Mo Hammond, the manager from the British Army and RAF.

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